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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (140-2347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD OBER  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Germany  
SGE

DATE: 8/10/54

During the course of an investigation conducted on WENDELL PHILLIPS REYNOLDS, State; SGE (Bufile 140-4196) and (WFO file 140-3057) Mrs. HAROLD OBER, [redacted] b3 per CIA [redacted] was interviewed, at which time she advised that her son was b6 an employee of the CIA in Germany.

As set out in the report of SA JOHN G. MC CARTHY, NY, 7/29/54, in the case entitled "WENDELL PHILLIPS REYNOLDS, State; SGE" HAROLD OBER, 40 E. 49th Street, NY, NY, father of the captioned individual, has been in contact with ANNA LOUISE STRONG, STEPHEN LAIRD and ALBERT MALTZ, all of whom have been identified as members of the CP.

HAROLD OBER, a literary agent, is also reported as an agent for ILONA ROLF SUES, who was reported sympathetic with the CP and possibly a Russian Propagandist. It was also reported that the name and address of HAROLD OBER, 40 E. 49th Street, NY, NY, was in the possession of the Executive Secretary of the United Committee of Southern Slavic Americans.

SA WILLIAM A. FLYNN, JR. on 8/2/54 determined from the records of the Westchester Credit Bureau, White Plains, NY, that RICHARD OBER, son of HAROLD and ANNE OBER, [redacted] is an employee of the CIA. In 1949, he was living at [redacted] His approximate age is 33 years and he is a graduate of Harvard and Columbia Universities. He was discharged from the US Army in 1946, with the rank of captain.

Records of the Board of Elections, White Plains, NY, reflected registrations for [redacted] and RICHARD OBER, in 1951 as well as for HAROLD and ANNE OBER. The records of the Westchester Credit Bureau, indicated that RICHARD OBER is the only son of HAROLD and ANNE OBER and these records contain no information concerning [redacted].

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The files of the NYO contain no information concerning RICHARD OBER or [REDACTED] b6 per FBI  
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The WFO is requested to ascertain whether or not RICHARD OBER is currently employed by CIA and if so, to obtain his full title and complete background information and furnish the information to the Bureau for its consideration under EO 10450. RUC.



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Date: September 22, 1954

To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, Northwest  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: RICHARD OBER  
Intelligence Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Munich, Germany  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

*See referred  
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Three confidential informants of known reliability have advised that on several occasions during 1948 Harold Ober, 40 East 49th Street, New York City, father of this employee, had communicated with Anna Louise Strong.

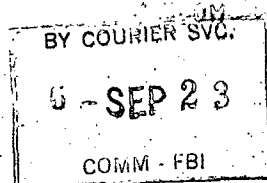
The "International Who's Who" for 1948 - 1949 describes Anna Louise Strong as a writer who organized the "Moscow Daily News" in 1930 and was managing editor of the publication until 1936.

A confidential informant of unknown reliability, a former member of the Communist Party, advised in 1949 that he had known Anna Louise Strong for many years and that in his opinion she could not have functioned as she did without being a member of the Communist Party. According to this informant, Anna Louise Strong had always been accepted and trusted as a Communist, both in the United States and in Russia, by Communist Party members.

An informant of known reliability advised this Bureau in 1946, Ilona Rolf Sues, a writer, had been represented by a literary agent in New York City by the name of Harold Ober. The informant stated that Sues was sympathetic to the Communist Party and very possibly was a Russian propagandist.

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Another informant of known reliability advised that he had observed the name of Harold Ober in the possession of Stephen Laird; however, the informant was unable to state the significance of the above.

J. David Whittaker Chambers, former editor of "Time" magazine and a self-admitted former Soviet espionage agent, has advised that Stephen Laird, former head of the Berlin bureau of "Time" magazine, was an avowed Communist.

An informant of known reliability advised that a loyalty pledge submitted by Stephen Laird to the Columbia Broadcasting System in 1951 contained a statement by Laird that he had attended "open" meetings of the Communist Party, but had never signed a Communist Party card, belonged to a Communist Party group, or contributed any money to the Communist Party.

According to information furnished by an informant of known reliability, Harold Ober Associates had paid the sum of \$300 to Albert Maltz in August, 1953.

The "New York Daily News" in its issue dated May 7, 1953, reported the testimony of Mrs. Carin Burrows, former actress, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The article reported that Mrs. Burrows, in relating her membership in the Communist Party from 1940 to 1948, named Albert Maltz, author, as a person she had known in Hollywood, California, as a member of the Communist Party.

The name and address of Harold Ober, 40 East 49th Street, New York City, was observed in 1945 by an informant of known reliability in the possession of the executive secretary of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans. The informant was unable to explain the significance of Ober's name in the possession of the above-mentioned secretary.

The United Committee of South Slavic Americans has been designated by the Attorney General as an organization within the purview of Executive Order 10450. U

According to information in the files of this Bureau, Richard Ober's father, Harold Ober, is self-employed as a literary agent and a publisher with the business address located at 40 East 49th Street, New York City. U

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/9/54

FROM : SAC, WFO (140-4074)

SUBJECT: RICHARD OBER  
Intelligence Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Munich, Germany  
SGE

Re New York letter to Director dated 8/10/54.

It is to be noted that OBER is a confidential employee of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the CIA has requested that the fact of his employment with that agency not be disseminated.

The employee was born [REDACTED].

b3 per CIA  
b6

He attended Winbrooke Elementary School, White Plains, New York; the Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire from 7/36 to 6/40; Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts from 9/40 to 5/43, and from 9/46 to 6/48 he attended the School of International Affairs at Columbia University.

The records of the CIA reflected that he enlisted in the Enlisted Reserve Corps on 6/26/42 and remained on inactive duty until 6/10/43. From 6/10/43 to 4/7/46 he served in the U.S. Army. His serial number was [REDACTED].

b3 per CIA  
b6

Those records reflected that he is married to [REDACTED] who was born [REDACTED] They were married at Rockville, Maryland on 3/31/51.

b3 per CIA  
b6

Those records reflected that his father is HAROLD OBER, [REDACTED] born 7/25/81 at Laconia, New Hampshire. Those records reflected that his father is self employed as a Literary Agent in the publishing business at 40 East 49th Street, New York City.

b3 per CIA  
b6

Those records reflected that the employee's mother, [REDACTED] is a housewife and was born 1/12/90 in New York City.

b3 per CIA  
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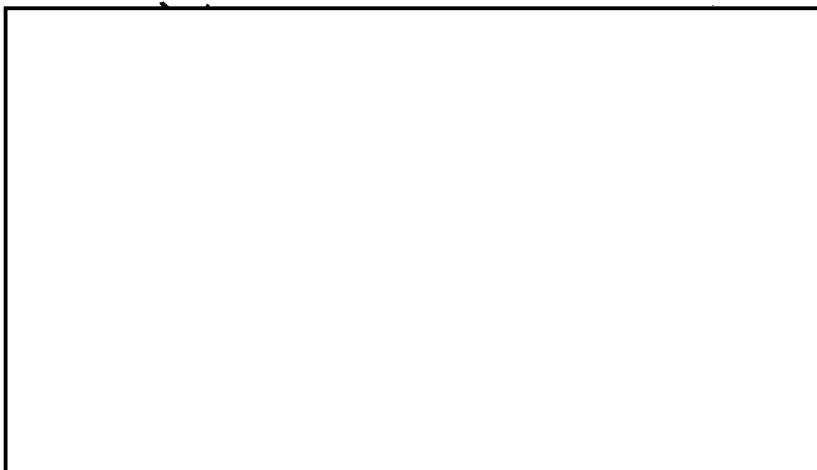
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Those records also reflected that the employee has a brother,

b3 per CIA  
b6

The above personnel files of the CIA reflected that the employee entered on duty there on 12/6/48 and is presently employed as an Intelligence Officer in Munich, Germany.

Those records reflected that the employee listed the following individuals as character references: U



b3 per CIA  
b6

The employee's physical description reflected that he is:

Height--  
Weight--  
Hair--  
Eyes--



b3 per CIA  
b6

The above review of the CIA files was conducted by SA EDGAR L. CARTER. RUC.

## SEARCH SLIP

Subj:

Chen, Harold

Supervisor

Room

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Date

6/56

Searcher

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SUBJECT Chen, Harold  
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Full field letter to Washington Field

with Anna Louise Strong, Stephen Laird and Albert Maltz, all of whom have been identified as members of the Communist Party. Referenced letter further reflects that Harold Ober, a literary agent, is reported to be an agent for Ilona Rolf Sues who was reported sympathetic to the Communist Party and possibly a Russian propagandist. The New York letter further reflects the name and address of Harold Ober, 40 East 49th Street, New York, New York, was in the possession of the executive secretary of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans. The information contained in the New York letter was made available to the Central Intelligence Agency.

By letter dated 6-25-56 CIA advised that the employee was interviewed relative to the above and had explained that his father was a literary agent and because of the nature of his work was possibly in contact with individuals who were communists or pro-communist. CIA requested an FFI of Ober. A copy of the CIA letter is being furnished for the assistance of the Boston, New York and Washington Field Offices. These offices are also being furnished with a copy of enclosure to the CIA letter headed "Attachment A" reflecting the results of the CIA interview of the employee

The New York and Washington Field Offices are being furnished a copy of the CIA enclosure headed "Attachment B" and a Photostat of a letter dated 4-21-52 on the letterhead of the Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, both of which contain information concerning Ivan von Auw, who, according to the employee is now associated in business with the employee's father.

A copy of the employee's Personal History Statement dated 6-5-48 is being furnished for the assistance of interested offices

You will note in the last paragraph of the CIA letter that a request was made that during this investigation information be developed concerning the significance of the associations of the employee's father with individuals suspected of having been involved in Soviet intelligence operations or persons suspected of having been involved in CP activities.



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Full field letter to Washington Field

The Washington Field Office will review the files of CIA and set forth all necessary leads. WFO will also advise the Bureau and interested offices of the complete title of this employee's current position.

Refer to case captioned "Wendell Phillips Reynolds, Department of State, SGE," which reflects that this employee's father was listed as a reference by Reynolds. The report of Special Agent John G. McCarthy, dated July 29, 1954, at New York City in the above-mentioned case contains a documentation of Ober. For your information the Civil Service Commission advised by letter dated 4-27-56 that the case involving Reynolds had been adjudicated under the provisions of Executive Order 10450, as a result of which a favorable determination had been reached. WFO file 140-3057, New York file 140-2089.

Bufile 140-4196

The Washington Field Office is referred to the report of SA Wayne K. Welch, dated 11-22-54 at San Francisco in the case captioned "Owen Lattimore, Espionage - R; Perjury" on page 15 of which appears information concerning Harold Ober. It is not clear from the wording of the report exactly what list is referred to in the report or the significance of the list in which the name Harold Ober allegedly appears. Two copies of this report were furnished for the information of the Washington Field Office. WFO file 100-20548. 100-24628-6298

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Bufiles contain a copy of an OSI report of SA [redacted] dated 11-16-53, concerning [redacted] was subject of an investigation captioned [redacted]

The Air Force report mentioned above contains information concerning one [redacted]

[redacted]

The Washington Field Office during this investigation will review the records of OSI. (U)

Refer to case captioned [redacted]

[redacted] which reflects the results of an

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Full field letter to Washington Field

investigation conducted by this Bureau in 1947 of an individual who is believed to be [redacted] WFO file b6 per FBI  
[redacted] New York file [redacted] and b7C

The New York Office is referred to the report of Special Agent William T. Baker, dated 7-29-55, at Mexico City, captioned "Albert Maltz, Security Matter-C," [on page two of which appears information reflecting correspondence between Albert Maltz and Harold Ober Associates, 40 East 49th Street, New York, New York. Two copies of the above-mentioned report were furnished to the New York Office on 8-12-55. New York file 100-4078, an

100-7646-243

The Washington Field Office will report personal history section of this report. The New York Office will report the Basis for Investigation which should include the statement that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the employing agency. You will note that the material furnished by CIA bears a ~~secret~~ classification.

There is no additional information in the files of the Bureau identifiable with this employee.

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SAC, Washington Field (140-4074)  
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Director, FBI (140-5541)

RICHARD OBER  
aka "Dick"  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
BUDED August 10, 1956

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Attached are Photostats of material furnished this Bureau relative to the captioned individual. Conduct a full field investigation ( ) a preliminary inquiry ( ).

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conduct a PI to:

( ) Determine whether captioned person is identical with the individual mentioned in Bufiles; if so, convert.

( ) Determine whether captioned person is identical with the individual mentioned in Bufiles. If identical, ascertain whether sufficient information is available to warrant an FFI; if so, convert.

( ) Determine whether sufficient information exists to warrant an FFI; if so, convert.

Each PI should be sufficiently complete to resolve the question of loyalty.

( ) If converted, advise Bureau and auxiliary offices, specifying 30-day BUDED. If FFI conducted, ( ) WFO ( ) New York ( ) Baltimore ( ) St. Louis will check appropriate records in their district.

Re New York letter dated 8-10-54, cc to WFO, which reflects that Harold Ober, 40 East 49th Street, New York, New York, father of captioned individual, has been in contact

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Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols cc 2 - Baltimore (G-2 check only) (Encl)  
Belmont 2 - Boston (Encl)  
Harbo 2 - New Haven (Encl)  
Mohr 2 - Newark (Encl)  
Parsons 2 - New York (140-2347) (4 Encl)  
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Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_  
Winterrowd JTC: jpb  
Tele. Room (14)  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_  
Ident Memo prepared.

Enclosure  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEWARK</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>7/30/56</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/24/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>RICHARD OBER, Aka: Dick <del>Administrative Officer</del> Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C.</b>		Report made by <b>T. HOWARD WALDRON</b>	Typed By: <b>AF:emt</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</b>	

Synopsis:  
Social acquaintance, [redacted]  
has not seen either the employee or his father, HAROLD OBER,  
since 1947, and has no knowledge of HAROLD OBER's contacts.  
[redacted] considers employee and all members of his family  
as outstanding, conscientious and completely loyal Americans.

b6 per CIA

-RUC-

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field, 7/10/56  
Bureau air tel to Newark, 7/11/56  
Washington Field air tel to Bureau, 7/16/56  
New York air tel to Boston, 7/17/56

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2 CC C.S.C.

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CC TO: [unclear]  
REQ. REC'D: 7/3  
JUL 12 1963  
ANS. BY: [unclear]

Approved  <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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RICHARD OBER, aka Dick  
~~Administrative Officer~~ *Intelligence Officer*  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

July 30, 1956  
Newark, New Jersey

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE

[redacted]  
[redacted] advised on July 24, 1956, that he first met RICHARD OBER of Scarsdale, New York, in 1945, when both were Second Lieutenants with the 681st Glider Field Artillery Battalion, at Swindon, England. He said they were together in Europe in the Army in 1945 and 1946, and following his discharge from military service, he visited the OBER family on several weekends at Scarsdale, New York. [redacted] said he had not seen OBER or any member of his family since about 1947 when RICHARD OBER was an usher at [redacted] wedding. [redacted] said he understood that OBER was employed by the Government in Washington, D.C., at the present time. b6 per CIA

[redacted] stated that he knew nothing about the contacts, acquaintances or activities of OBER's parents, but he did recall that RICHARD OBER's father, HAROLD OBER, was a literary agent in New York City. He said he knew nothing whatsoever about the business or social contacts of HAROLD OBER. b6 per CIA

On the basis of his association with RICHARD OBER and members of his family at Scarsdale, New York, nine or more years ago, [redacted] said he considered them very fine people completely conscientious citizens and loyal Americans and persons of the highest integrity. He said he had never heard any derogatory information about RICHARD OBER or any member of his family. b6 per CIA

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Title: RICHARD OBER, aka: Dick  
~~Intelligence Officer~~  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Report of: Special Agent T. Howard Waldron

Date and Place: July 30, 1956  
Newark, New Jersey

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This report is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

This is an FBI investigative report and makes no recommendation for clearance or disapproval.

*This is a marked copy of Loyalty report and should not be removed from file for dissemination purposes. If dissemination necessary, copies should be made of this copy.*

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Q. Tamm *27/60*

DATE: July 10, 1956

FROM : A. Rosen *dr*

SUBJECT: RICHARD OBER  
aka "Dick"  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
BUDED August 10, 1956

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2 files*

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Please search the name of the above individual through the records of the Identification Division and return this memorandum with a notation of your findings to the -

☐ Employees Security Section, Room 2256, Justice Building. (In SGE cases, if a record of arrest is found, please enclose, in addition to file copy, 1 copy of the Identification Record for each state in which arrests occurred.)

☐ Special Inquiry Section, Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Justice Building

The following identifying data, in addition to the name or names and the Government agency appearing in the title, are listed for your assistance:

Date and place of birth <b>April 5, 1921</b> <b>New York, New York</b>	Previous Government employment <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 30px;"></div>
Military Service Number <i>06</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div> & <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>	Last known address b6 per CIA
If case opened on Security Form, date received (SGE cases only)	Civil Service Commission Case Number (SGE cases only)

Other pertinent identifying data

**JFC: jpb** *jpb*

*clb  
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## Identification Division Reply

- ☐ Based upon information furnished, no record located.
- ☒ A noncriminal fingerprint record which IS ~~OR MAY BE~~ identical was located. This record was searched through the criminal files and no criminal record found.
- ☐ The enclosed Identification Record IS or MAY BE identical with the record of the employee or applicant.
- [Signature]*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File 140-5541) DATE: 7-30-56

FROM : SAC, WFO (File 140-4074)

SUBJECT: RICHARD OBER

CIA  
SGE

Rebulet to WFO dated 7-10-56

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 7-31-56

Reason for the delinquency: Difficultly locating neighbors at  
Fairfax Station. Additional neighborhoods developed as result of  
Credit & P.D. checks.Date the report or necessary communication  
will reach the Bureau: 8-7-56AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:  
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

No administrative action recommended.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

(File 140-5541 )

DATE: 8-8-56

FROM : SAC, WFO

(File 140-4074 )

SUBJECT: RICHARD OBER

CIA

SGE

Re WFO FD 205 dated 7-30-56

Rebmailed dated 8-3-56

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 7-31-56

Reason for the delinquency: additional neighborhood investigation developed at 3704 Manor Road, Chevy Chase, Md. 21115 P St N.W. & at Mt Len Gardens. Documentation of Stephen Laird involved lengthy file review. CSC & OSI still outstanding.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: P-report has been directed. Will reach

Bureau 8-8 or 8-9.

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:

(This applies only to 116 cases.)

No administrative action recommended.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File 140-5541)

DATE: 7/30/56 ✓

FROM : SAC, New York (File 140-2347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD OBER, aka  
CIA - SGE

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 7/31/56

Reason for the delinquency: Info. in Boston airtel of 7/27/56 being  
incorporated in NY rpt. Rpt in transcription.Date the report or necessary communication  
will reach the Bureau: 8/2/56AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:  
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July 11, 1956

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RICHARD OBER, aka, CIA, SGE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (140-4074)

RICHARD OBER, aka Dick  
Administrative Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C.  
SGE

7/16/56

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

ReBulet to WFO dated 8/10/56.

The employee's title as reflected in CIA Personnel  
files is set out above.

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DATE: July 16, 1956

BY COURIER SERVICE

TO: Director Attention: Colonel Sheffield Edwards  
Central Intelligence Agency Director of Security  
2430 E Street, Northwest  
Washington, D. C.

FROM: John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of  
Investigation

SUBJECT: RICHARD OBER  
aka "Dick"  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

BY COURIER SVC.

31 JUL 17

COMM - FBI

Reference is made to your letter dated June 25, 1956, which forwarded a request for investigation of captioned individual under the provisions of Executive Order 10450. In accordance with your request an investigation has been initiated by this Bureau within the territorial limits of the United States.

It is noted that the Personal History Statement which you forwarded as an enclosure to your letter is dated June 5, 1948, and does not contain up-to-date background information concerning this employee. Your letter reflects that additional background information is available in your files. This Bureau's files do not contain complete information concerning any overseas employment or residence on the part of this employee; however, available information indicates that he has been employed by your Agency for an unknown period at Munich, Germany.

In view of the above, it is requested that you cause to be conducted such foreign investigation as your files indicate may be necessary. In this regard it is requested that you furnish this Bureau with copies of the reports reflecting the results of your investigation abroad as soon as possible. In the event that substantive derogatory or disloyal information is received during your investigation attempts should be made by you to secure signed statements.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>7/26/56</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/23,24,26/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>RICHARD OBER, aka Dick Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN C. F. MORRIS</b>	TYPED BY <b>sjk</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

Harold Ober Associates identified as correspondent of ALBERT MALTZ. MALTZ identified as Communist Party member. Documentation for ANNA LOUISE STRONG set forth.

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REFERENCE: New York airtel to Boston dated July 17, 1956.

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RICHARD OBER, also known as Dick  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Los Angeles, California  
July 26, 1956

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

MISCELLANEOUS

Los Angeles T-1, a confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in July 1955 that the correspondents of ALBERT MALTZ included Harold Ober Associates, 40 East 49th Street, New York, New York.

RICHARD COLLINS, a screen writer, Los Angeles, California, testified before a public hearing of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in Washington, D. C. on April 12, 1951. He testified that in about 1945 or 1946 ALBERT MALTZ, a Communist Party (CP) member, wrote an article in which he made a plea for more freedom for "left wing" and Communist writers.

META ROSENBERG testified before a public hearing of the HCUA in Washington, D. C. on April 13, 1951. ROSENBERG identified ALBERT MALTZ as a CP member sometime during the period of her own membership from 1938 to 1945.

FRANK WRIGHT TUTTLE, a writer and screen director, Los Angeles, California, testified before a public session of the HCUA in Washington, D. C. on May 24, 1951. TUTTLE said he had been a CP member from about 1937 to 1947. He identified ALBERT MALTZ as one of the persons whom he judged to be a CP member, basing this judgment on having attended CP meetings with him, discussing some CP matters with him, or engaging in some CP activity with him.

BERNARD C. SCHOENFELD, a screen writer and novelist, Los Angeles, California, testified before a public session of the HCUA in Washington, D. C. on August 19, 1952. SCHOENFELD said that ALBERT MALTZ had recruited him into the Communist Political Association.

ROY HUGGINS, a motion picture director, Malibu Beach, California, testified before a public session of the HCUA in Los Angeles, California, on September 29, 1952. HUGGINS said that in 1946 ALBERT MALTZ transferred him into a Hollywood branch of the CP.



The CP and the Communist Political Association have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Los Angeles Examiner," a metropolitan newspaper of Los Angeles, California, carried an Associated Press dispatch datelined London, February 15, 1949, reporting Tass, the official Soviet News Agency, as quoting Moscow newspapers as saying that ANNA LOUISE STRONG, an American newspaper woman, had been arrested in the Soviet zone and "accused of espionage and subversive activity directed against the Soviet Union." The article added she would be deported in a few days.

On February 17, 1949 an article appeared in the "San Francisco Call-Bulletin," a San Francisco, California, metropolitan newspaper, stating that a high-ranking Allied diplomatic official had said that STRONG was ordered expelled from Russia because she became disillusioned about Communism and "lost her value" to the U.S.S.R. This official was quoted in this article as stating, "Dr. STRONG's ouster was a direct result of her increasing differences with the kremlin. Recently she became disillusioned about the Soviet cause and hence was considered no longer useful."

ANNA LOUISE STRONG was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on March 30 and 31, 1949. She advised at that time that she was an American writer and had been expelled from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.) in February 1949. She said she had been a writer and newspaper correspondent in the U.S.S.R. during 1921 to 1949, travelling for intervals in Spain, China, and the United States. She said she had organized the "Moscow Daily News" in 1929, which was the first English language newspaper in Moscow. She served as Managing Editor until 1936. STRONG said she entered into a common-law marriage in Moscow in 1932 with a member of the Russian Communist Party. She said she had asked permission at one time to join the Russian Communist Party but was told she could not. She said she had been advised by an American Communist Party leader not to join the American Communist Party but to continue to work in their behalf. She said she had been insistent on becoming a member of the CP and had given this official money which she believed sufficient to cover one year's dues. She said, however, she was never issued a CP membership card.

A publication of STRONG called "Today," issued in late April 1953, No. 20, relates the circumstances of her arrest by authorities of the U.S.S.R., stating she was charged with being a "spy." STRONG continues in this publication by quoting a cable she had directed to Premier MALENKOV of the U.S.S.R. in which she requests that the Soviet authorities "clear" her case, stating that the Moscow Security Police

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had arrested her as a "spy." STRONG said, "Thus a world-wide useful work was destroyed and world-wide friends of the U.S.S.R. perplexed. I earnestly beg if any evidence indicates I ever injured the U.S.S.R., permit me to know and answer, making amends. But if no evidence exists, permit Pravda to state this, restoring my reputation."

"Pravda" is an official news medium of the U.S.S.R.

The "Los Angeles Times," a metropolitan newspaper, in its issue of March 5, 1955, in a story datelined Moscow, March 4, states that the Soviet Government had announced that ANNA LOUISE STRONG was framed by the former Russian Police Chief. The item states she had been cleared by the Russian Government of a charge of spying. The item states that before her arrest by the Russians STRONG was considered an out-spoken defender of Soviet policies and was a frequent contributor to Communist publications. She was quoted by the newspaper article as stating she was "delighted" that she had been cleared of charges of spying against the Russians. The article quoted her as saying that her attitude towards the Communists and Soviet Russia "has not fundamentally changed."

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ANNA LOUISE STRONG was interviewed by SA's WALTER C. ROETTING and EDWARD F. MILES.

Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed and a T symbol was utilized in this report inasmuch as the identity of the source must be concealed.

INFORMANT

Los Angeles T-1 [REDACTED] who advised SA WILLIAM T. BAKER on July 12, 1955, b7D per FBI

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Title: RICHARD OBER, also known as Dick  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Report of: Special Agent John C. F. Morris

Date and Place: July 26, 1956  
Los Angeles, California

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SAC, New York (140-2347)

RICHARD OBER, AKA, CIA, SGE, BUDED: 7-31-56.

Re New York air-tels to New Haven July 17, and July 25, 1956, and report of SA William B. Zimmerman dated July 27, 1956, at New Haven. For info of New York, referenced report contains following information attributed to New Haven T-1 (an anonymous source).

"New Haven T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in February, 1948, that ANNA LOUISE STRONG was at that time residing temporarily in Cromwell, Conn. T-1 advised that on February 13, 1948, STRONG directed a communication to a Mr. VON AUW, 12 East 10th Street, New York City, regarding the manuscript of her book, 'Better Earth,' which she had left with him.

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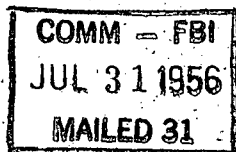
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Reporting Office <b>NEW HAVEN</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>7-27-56</b>	Investigative Period <b>7-17, 23, 25-56</b>
Title of Case <b>RICHARD OBER, aka. Dick, Intelligence Officer, Administrative Officer, Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C.</b>		Report made by <b>WILLIAM B. ZIMMERMAN</b>	Typed By <b>acb</b>
		Character of Case <b>SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</b>	

Synopsis:

MAGRUDER CRAIGHEAD, a social acquaintance of the employee at Salisbury, Conn., commented favorably in regard to the character, reputation, loyalty, and associates of the employee and his family. In February, 1948, ANNA LOUISE STRONG received a letter on stationery of HAROLD OBER, 40 E. 49th St., New York 17, New York. This letter concerned STRONG's book on China.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field dated July 10, 1956.  
Bureau airtel dated July 11, 1956.  
New York airtel to Boston dated July 17, 1956.  
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RICHARD OBER  
aka Dick  
Intelligence Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

July 27, 1956  
New Haven, Connecticut

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

On July 23, 1956, Mr. MAGRUDER CRAIGHEAD, Blueberry Hill, Salisbury, Connecticut, advised that he had known the employee's father and mother since approximately 1914, when they had met socially. CRAIGHEAD advised that he had known the employee ever since his birth, but in recent years he had lost contact with the employee as well as his brother. CRAIGHEAD advised that he knows the employee and his family through associations which they made while both families resided in Scarsdale, New York, and that he does not know any connections that they may have outside of that city. CRAIGHEAD advised that as far as he knew, the employee's parents were loyal citizens in every respect, and of good character, reputation and associates. CRAIGHEAD advised that while the employee was in Scarsdale, New York, he considered him to be a loyal citizen, of good character, reputation and associates. CRAIGHEAD advised that he could not comment regarding the current reputation of the employee, due to the fact that he has lost all contact with him, other than what he overhears from the employee's parents.

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T-1 is unavailable for recontact. Further information concerning ANNA LOUISE STRONG is being reported by another office in connection with this investigation.

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T-1 is an anonymous source.

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RICHARD OBER, aka. Dick  
~~Administrative Officer,~~ *Intelligence Officer*  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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T-1 is unavailable for ~~re-interview~~ or the submission of a signed statement or testimony before a Security Hearing Board.

*Further information concerning Anna Louise Strong is being reported by another office in connection with this investigation.*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Title: RICHARD OBER, aka. Dick  
~~Intelligence Officer~~  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Report of: SA WILLIAM B. ZIMMERMAN

Date and Place: July 27, 1956, New Haven, Conn.

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TITLE RICHARD OBER, aka Dick <i>Intelligence</i> <del>Administrative Officer</del> Central Intelligence Agency <i>Officer</i> Washington, D. C.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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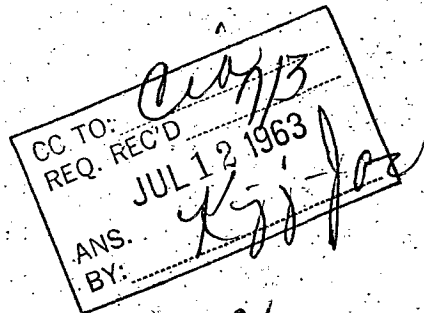
GEORGE M. ANGLE, Rochester, N. Y., recommends employee for responsible position of trust based on six-year association. No contact with employee during past ten years.

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REFERENCE: Boston Air-Tel, 7/20/56.

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RICHARD OBER

Also known as Dick

~~Administrative Officer~~

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Central Intelligence Agency

Washington, D. C.

SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Buffalo, New York

July 28, 1956

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

GEORGE M. ANGLE, Vice President, Genesee Valley Union Trust Company, East Avenue Office, 20 East Avenue, Rochester, New York, advised on July 26, 1956, he was associated with the employee during three years of preparatory school and three years of college, the latter at Harvard University. He said that he has had no contact with the employee in ten years.

Mr. ANGLE advised that the employee is a person of excellent character and reputation, reputable associates and loyal to the United States. He stated that he would recommend the employee for a responsible position of trust based on his six years of association with him.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Title: RICHARD OBER  
Also known as Dick  
*Intelligence Officer*  
Central Intelligence Agency  
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SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Report of: Special Agent

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Date and Place: July 28, 1956, at Buffalo, New York

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Reporting Office <b>BOSTON</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>7/30/56</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/17-20,23,24,26,27/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>RICHARD OBER, aka Dick <i>Intelligence</i> Administrative Officer Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D. C.</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px; margin: 5px 0;"></div>	Typed By: <b>b6 per FBI as b7C</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</b>	

**Synopsis:**

RICHARD OBER attended Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire 1936-1940 and Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1940-1943, A.B. degree. Records favorable. Resided Winthrop House, Harvard College. Former teachers, housemaster, references, and former roommate recommend re character, reputation, associates and loyalty to United States. No credit record, one motor vehicle violation. Employee unknown to other Boston informants.

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REFERENCES: Bureau letter to WFO dated July 10, 1956.  
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New York airtel to Boston dated July 17, 1956.  
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RICHARD OBER, aka Dick  
~~Administrative Officer~~ *Intelligence Officer*  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

July 30, 1956  
Boston, Massachusetts

## RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

### Education

On July 18, 1956, Mrs. KATHERINE DONOVAN, Secretary to the Director of Admissions, Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, advised her records disclosed RICHARD OBER was enrolled at Phillips Exeter Academy in September, 1936 and on June 24, 1940 received a diploma. His date of birth was listed as April 5, 1921 and his home address as [REDACTED] b6 per CIA [REDACTED] and his father as HAROLD OBER. Mrs. DONOVAN stated that the records further disclosed that no disciplinary action was taken against RICHARD OBER during his attendance and there was nothing in the records which would reflect adversely on his character, reputation, associates or loyalty to the United States.

On July 18, 1956, Mrs. HAROLD N. EAMES, Secretary, Alumni Office, Phillips Exeter Academy, stated that her records included an excerpt from the "New York Times" dated March 31, 1951 stating that RICHARD OBER was married that date to [REDACTED] of b6 per CIA [REDACTED]. Mrs. EAMES stated there was no additional information contained in the Employee's alumni folder.

On July 18, 1956, WILLIAM G. SALTONSTALL, Principal, Phillips Exeter Academy, who was also listed as a reference, advised that he has known the Employee and his father, HAROLD OBER, since 1936. Mr. SALTONSTALL described the Employee as an exceptional student and a stable young man of high integrity. Mr. SALTONSTALL further stated that both the Employee and his father have an excellent reputation for character and associates and they are unquestionably loyal citizens of the United States. Mr. SALTONSTALL stated that the Employee's father is a literary agent, having offices in New York and he was not familiar with his business associates or social acquaintances. Mr. SALTONSTALL recommended the Employee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

Boston T-1, a businessman who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 11, 1954 that among names which appeared on a partial mailing list of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF) appeared the following name and address:

WILLIAM G. SALTONSTALL  
27 Pine Street  
Exeter, New Hampshire

Boston T-2, Boston T-3 and Boston T-4, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who possess some knowledge of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), and the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW), have advised that the SCEF was originally an adjunct of the SCHW prior to its demise in 1948. The SCEF, Inc., continued as a separate and independent organization, stressing the fact it was non-political in nature. It has devoted its efforts primarily to race relations, campaigning against discrimination and segregation.

Boston T-2 and T-3 have advised that the principal leaders of the SCEF, Inc., were the same as those of the SCHW. JAMES ANDERSON DOMBROWSKI has served as Director of both organizations. While the Communist Party was interested in infiltrating and controlling the SCHW, it has given little indication of interest in the SCEF, Inc.

The Southern Conference for Human Welfare has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist front.

On April 19, 1949, the late PAUL G<sup>C</sup>ROUCH, a self-confessed former Communist Party organizer; on May 3, 1949 Boston T-5, an anti-Communist labor leader who was active in the SCHW, and between May 28, 1948 and November 10, 1948, Boston T-6, an educator who was an official of the SCHW in New Orleans, advised that JAMES A. DOMBROWSKI worked closely in the past with Communist Party members and invariably followed their advice along Communist Party lines. Boston T-5 advised that DOMBROWSKI argued that his decisions siding with the Communist Party clique were the result of independent thinking and that he was a Christian Socialist.



Boston T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is a long-time member of the Communist Party, advised on May 5, 1951, that he did not believe DOMBROWSKI to be a member of the Communist Party, but knew him as being sympathetic with the Party over a period of years. He said DOMBROWSKI took orders from the Communist Party and was an officer in the SCHW through the determined efforts of the Communist Party.

Boston T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity, advised on June 25, 1953 that at a bimonthly state committee meeting of the Communist Party in New Orleans in approximately October or November, 1952, it was stated DOMBROWSKI had pledged some money to the Communist Party fund drive.

Boston T-3 advised on May 19, 1953 that at a section committee meeting of the Communist Party in New Orleans on May 16, 1953, it was stated that DOMBROWSKI has three Communist Party members working on the board of the SCEF, Inc., who DOMBROWSKI knew were Communists and that he discussed matters with these individuals. It was also stated that the Communist Party could not get more out of DOMBROWSKI if he had Communist Party membership.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

The "Concord Monitor", a local newspaper published at Concord, New Hampshire, for July 8, 1949 contained an article captioned, "Loyalty Oath View Heard". The article indicated that the Joint Senate Educational and Judiciary Committees of the New Hampshire Legislature during the previous day heard closing arguments on the proposed loyalty oath for New Hampshire teachers. The article stated that among those persons opposing the measure was WILLIAM G. SALTONSTALL, Principal of Phillips Exeter Academy.

MYRON R. WILLIAMS, Director of Studies, Phillips Exeter Academy, advised on July 19, 1956 that he recalled RICHARD OBER as a student at the Academy and stated that he regarded him as a highly reliable, conscientious young man of excellent character and associates and one who, in his opinion, was unquestionably a loyal citizen of the United States. He recommended him for

a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. Mr. WILLIAMS added that he was slightly acquainted with the Employee's father, HAROLD OBER, and knew of nothing concerning him which would reflect unfavorably on his character, reputation, associates or loyalty to the United States.

On July 17, 1956, Mrs. MARY JAEDYNAK, Secretary, Registrar's Office, Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, made available records of that office which disclosed RICHARD OBER, born April 5, 1921 at New York, New York, was admitted to Harvard College from Phillips Exeter Academy in September, 1940. His father's name was listed as <sup>also</sup> HAROLD CLARK OBER and his mother as [REDACTED] and their home address as [REDACTED] b6 per CIA [REDACTED]. The Employee's field of concentration was philosophy and history and he was awarded an A.B. degree on May 27, 1943. It was indicated that while at Harvard College he resided at Winthrop House, a college dormitory. There was nothing in the record which would reflect adversely on the Employee's character, reputation, associates or loyalty to the United States.

On July 18, 1956, SARGENT KENNEDY, Registrar, Harvard College, reviewed RICHARD OBER's personal folder and advised that all information therein was completely favorable to OBER and there was nothing whatsoever which would reflect adversely on his character, reputation, associates or loyalty to the United States.

On July 23, 1956, Professor DONALD C. WILLIAMS, Philosophy Department, Harvard College, advised that in 1941 he was senior tutor at Winthrop House, Harvard College, and recalled the Employee as a resident of Winthrop House and a student in his philosophy classes. Professor WILLIAMS stated that although he did not have a strong recollection of the Employee, he knew of nothing which would cause him to question his character, reputation, associates or loyalty to the United States.

On July 20, 1956, Professor OSCAR HANDLIN, History Department, Harvard College, stated that in 1942 he was a tutor at Winthrop House and that he recalled the Employee as a resident there and as a student in his history classes. He said that he knew of nothing which would cause him to question the Employee's character, reputation, associates or loyalty to the United States.

On July 19, 1956, Dr. RONALD M. FERRY, Housemaster, Winthrop House, Harvard College, advised that he recalled RICHARD OBER as a resident of Winthrop House during his attendance at Harvard College. He described the Employee as a sober, stable young man of excellent character, reputation and associates and, in his opinion, unquestionably a loyal citizen of the United States. Dr. FERRY stated that he could furnish a similar recommendation for the Employee's roommates who were also excellent young men. He said that he was slightly acquainted with the Employee's father, but was not familiar with his business associates or social acquaintances and that, to the best of his knowledge, the Employee's father enjoyed an excellent reputation for character, associates and loyalty to the United States. He recommended Employee without qualification for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

On July 23, 1956, Dr. D. WARD SLINGERLAND, 29 Cunningham Road, Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, attached to the Veterans Administration Hospital, South Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, stated he has known RICHARD OBER since 1936 when both entered Phillips Exeter Academy at Exeter, New Hampshire. Dr. SLINGERLAND stated that they subsequently entered Harvard College in 1940 and were roommates during their college years. He stated that as a result of his close association with the Employee, there is absolutely no question concerning the Employee's character, reputation, associates or loyalty to the United States. He recommended the Employee most highly for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

Dr. SLINGERLAND further stated that he has become well acquainted with members of Employee's family and he recommended the Employee's parents and brother similarly with regard to character, reputation, associates and loyalty to the United States.

#### References

On July 26, 1956, THOMAS P. SMITH, Ship Street, Hingham, Massachusetts, advised he has been acquainted with Employee's father for the past fifty years. Mr. SMITH said he has known the Employee for his entire lifetime during which he has been a frequent visitor to the SMITH home in Hingham together with other members of his family. Mr. SMITH stated he is not acquainted with all of the business associates or social acquaintances of the Employee's father, but said he was certain that it would not alter his high standards of character and integrity nor his loyalty to the United States. Mr. SMITH described all members of the family as persons of excellent character, reputation and associates and unquestionably loyal citizens of the United States. He recommended the Employee without qualification for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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#### Miscellaneous

During July, 1956, other Boston Informants, who are familiar with some phases of Communist activity in the New England area and who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that RICHARD OBER was unknown to them and they could provide no information concerning him.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

Investigation in New Hampshire was conducted by SA VERNON E. NIVANS; and the check of the records at the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc. and the Massachusetts State Board of Probation was made at the request of Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]

b6 per FBI  
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

INFORMANTS:

T-1 - [REDACTED] who requested that his identity remain confidential.

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T-2 - Former [REDACTED], whose identity must be protected.

T-3 - [REDACTED], whose identity must be protected.

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T-4 - [REDACTED], whose identity must be protected.

T-5 - [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] When he was interviewed by former SA DAVID HANLIN BECKER on 5/3/49, he requested that his identity be concealed.

b7D per FBI

T-6 - [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] When [REDACTED] was originally interviewed by former SA DAVID HANLIN BECKER between May 28, 1948 and November 10, 1948, he requested that his identity be concealed.

b7D per FBI

T-7 - [REDACTED] mentioned in the letter from Birmingham to New Orleans dated May 9, 1951, entitled, "SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE, etc.; INTERNAL SECURITY - C".

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T-8 - [REDACTED], whose identity must be protected.

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INFORMANTS: (Cont.)

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[REDACTED] (Boston File [REDACTED], New Orleans File [REDACTED])

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Other Boston Informants mentioned in this report are:

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Reporting Office <b>BOSTON</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>7/30/56</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/17-20,23,24,26,27/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>RICHARD OBER, aka Dick Administrative Officer Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C.</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>	Typed By: <b>b6 per FBI b7C</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</b>	

**Synopsis:**

RICHARD OBER attended Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, 1936-1940 and Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1940-1943, A.B. degree. Records favorable. Resided Winthrop House, Harvard College. Former teachers, housemaster, references, and former roommate recommend re character, reputation, associates and loyalty to United States. No credit record, one motor vehicle violation. One informant advised Employee's father, HAROLD OBER, in 1946 was literary agent for ILONA RALF SUEZ. Employee unknown to other Boston informants.

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**REFERENCES:** Bureau letter to WFO dated July 10, 1956.  
Bureau airtel to WFO dated July 11, 1956.  
WFO airtel to Bureau dated July 16, 1956.  
New York airtel to Boston dated July 17, 1956.  
Boston airtel to WFO and Albany dated July 25, 1956.

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#### Miscellaneous

On July 27, 1956, Boston T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that in 1946 HAROLD OBER was the literary agent for ILONA RALF SUEZ who was the author of "Sharks, Fins and Millets", a book which endeavored to describe the peoples of China and their problems. T-9 stated that this book was a well done piece of propaganda for the Chinese Red Forces.

T-9 stated he did not desire to furnish a signed statement and declined to appear before a Security Hearing Board.

During July, 1956, other Boston Informants, who are familiar with some phases of Communist activity in the New England area and who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that RICHARD OBER was unknown to them and they could provide no information concerning him.

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INFORMANTS: (Cont.)

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[redacted] (Boston File [redacted], New Orleans File [redacted])

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T-9 - Former [redacted] who was contacted on 7/27/56 by SA [redacted] and who requested that his name be kept confidential.

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Other Boston Informants mentioned in this report are:

BS MS-107-S\*  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Title: RICHARD OBER, aka Dick  
*Intelligence Officer*  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Report of: Special Agent [REDACTED]  
Dated: July 30, 1956 at  
Boston, Massachusetts

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SAC, New York (140-2347)

RICHARD OBER, aka, CIA, SGE. Buded 8/10/56.

Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 7/31/56, at New York. As noted on administrative page 18 of rerep CIA, 1b6 per FBI 1b7C requesting FFI re employee, expressed desire for information as to whether employee's father's association with certain individuals on whom there exists adverse security data, including Anna Louise Strong, Albert Maltz and others, is of security significance or whether his contacts with such persons have been confined to literary agent business. Rerep indicates that a number of individuals acquainted with employee's father have been contacted but were unable to furnish data re father's associates in literary field. As investigation to date has not resolved above-mentioned request by CIA your office should make discreet efforts to identify and interview reliable sources in the literary field who are familiar with the reputation and associates of employee's father. This should be done in a most discreet and circumspect manner by mature and experienced agent personnel. Give preferred handling and submit supplemental report to reach Bureau within 10 days from date.

Hoover

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NOTE: FFI being conducted in this case at CIA's request based on employee's father's association with persons such as Anna Louise Strong and other writers on whom there exists adverse security data. Employee's father, Harold Ober, is a literary agent and it is possible that his contacts mentioned by CIA have been due to the nature of his business rather than any adherence to subversive doctrines. Neighbors and acquaintances acquainted with the father have spoken highly of reputation of the family but such acquaintances were not familiar with father's business associates. New York is therefore being instructed to identify and interview reliable sources in literary field who are acquainted with father's business activities.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>7/31/56</b>	Investigative Period <b>7/12,13,17,18,20,23-27/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>RICHARD OBER, aka: Dick, Administrative Officer, Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D. C.</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	Typed By: <b>b6 per FBI,1 b7C</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</b>	

Synopsis:

Basis for investigation set out. Employee's father reportedly associate of IVAN VON AUW, and agent for ~~LLONA~~ RALF SUES. VON AUW and SUES documented. Informant advised that name identical with name of employee's neighbor maintained by VALB Headquarters, New York City in 1943. ONI reported in 1942 that individual of same name as employee's reference signed statement issued by LAW. Neighbors, references and associates have no reason to question loyalty of employee or family. No record BSS or BCI, NYCPD and no record Greenburgh, NYPD. Credit record satisfactory. Informants of NYO do not know employee.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to WFO, 7/10/56.  
Bureau airtel to WFO, 7/11/56.  
WFO airtel to Bureau, 7/16/56.  
Boston airtel to Buffalo, 7/20/56.  
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RICHARD OBER  
aka Dick  
~~Intelligence Officer~~  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

July 31, 1956  
New York, New York

#### BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION

This investigation was conducted upon the specific request of the Central Intelligence Agency based upon information furnished by New York T-1, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, on September 6, 1945, to the effect that the name of HAROLD OBER, 40 East 49th Street, New York 11; New York, was one of a list of names maintained by ANNE TRAVEN, acting executive secretary of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans.

On a personal history statement dated June 5, 1948, filled out by the employee, he listed his father as HAROLD OBER, self-employed, occupation - publishing, business address 40 East 49th Street, New York, New York.

The United Committee of South Slavic Americans has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

#### RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

New York T-1, mentioned previously, is unavailable for recontact.

During a previous investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1946-1951, New York T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1946, that one LLONA RALF SUES, author of "Shark's Fins and Millet," a book which the informant described as a well done piece of propaganda for the Chinese Red forces, had been represented by an agent in New York by the name of HAROLD OBER.

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This informant advised that SUES was sympathetic to the Communist Party and very possibly a Russian propagandist.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

New York T-2 was recontacted on July 27, 1956, and she could furnish no additional information concerning LLONA RALF SUES. This informant declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Security Hearing Board.

Records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, as reviewed during this previous investigation, reflected that on a General Information Form dated August 23, 1941, LLONA SUESS, also known as: Llona Rolf Suess, Rolf Suess, Ralf Sues, was born September 27, 1896 in Lodz; and was a Polish citizen by option. She indicated she had first entered the United States in 1914, left in 1915 and reentered in 1941 as a passenger in transit. She listed her last previous employment as being with the Chinese government, handling Chinese government publicity from October, 1937 to September, 1938. She stated she had been unemployed since her arrival in the United States, but this form contained a statement by her which stated "I talk and write about China whenever I get a chance; photos and freelance articles, broadcasts on China, since 1936 in China, France, Switzerland and I hope in the United States of America by means of articles and book, but no government or Party sponsorship."

In January, 1944, a book by LLONA RALF SUES entitled "Shark's Fins and Millet" was published by Little Brown and Company, Boston, Massachusetts and was reviewed by ORVILLE PRESCOTT in the "New York Times" issue of January 19, 1944. He commented: "LLONA RALF SUES is a Polish intellectual journalist and left-wing idealist . . . . ."

"China, Miss SUES is convinced, is not a democracy and has no chance of becoming one under the one Party authoritarian role of the Kuomintang . . . . ."

"If Miss SUES is discouraged about the prospect for democracy under the central government, she has unbounded faith in and admiration for the Chinese Communists and their achievements, both in social and civil administration."

The June 25, 1946 issue of the "Daily Worker," page 8, column 3, contains an article which states in part as follows:

"The Third 'Forum for Democracy' sponsored by the N.Y. Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Profession will be held tomorrow night at the Henry Hudson Hotel Ballroom, 8:30 p.m.....principal speakers are: LLONA ROLF SUES, author of Shark Fins and Millet, who will speak on the Far East....."

The March 6, 1946 issue of the "Daily Worker," page 4, column 5, contains an article entitled "CHIANG Amnesty Vow Unfulfilled." This article states in part "....Thousands of political prisoners still remain in concentration camps.....the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy charged here today....."

".....LLONA ROLF SUES.....are among the directors and consultants of the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy."

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

The Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., reflects the following concerning the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions:

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally



released April 19, 1949,)), p. 2; and House Report No. 378, on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 25 1951, original date, April 1, 1951, pp. 11 and 12.)

"2. 'This Communist front grew out of the Independent Voters' Committee of the Arts and Sciences.'

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 262.)"

New York T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 30, 1950, that LLONA RALF SUES was an author of books on China, who worked for Madame CHIANG KAI-SHEK and the Chinese Nationalist government, although secretly a Communist at the time. It was this informant's recollection that he had been introduced to Miss SUES in 1944 at the time of the publication of her book "Shark's Fins and Millet." This introduction took place in the New York Office of the "Daily Worker." This informant also stated that he had received official advice in connection with the campaign in 1944 on China and this advice was to the effect that Miss SUES was a loyal member of the Communist organization and engaged from the first, in informational work for the Communist cause.

Mr. RALF HURWITZ, Inspector, Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York City, advised that on November 10, 1951, LLONA RALF SUES sailed for Cherbourg, France, aboard the "SS De Grasse" and before leaving she signed the Immigration and Naturalization Service form "Abandonment of Domicile." According to Mr. HURWITZ, Miss SUES advised him that she was aware that the execution of the document would most likely preclude her re-admission to the United States.

New York T-4, who holds a responsible position in New York City, advised on September 30, 1953, that HAROLD OBER Associates (no further designation) received a check dated August 7, 1953 in the amount of \$300.00 from one ALBERT MALTZ.

Additional information concerning ALBERT MALTZ is being set forth by another office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

New York T-4 was recontacted on July 26, 1956 and advised that he could furnish no additional information concerning HAROLD OBER Associates other than that previously furnished.

He declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Security Hearing Board.

EDWARD T. MC CRYSTAL, Desk Clerk, Hotel Wentworth, 59 West 46th Street, New York City, advised on February 18, 1948, that one ANNA LOUISE STRONG had registered at this hotel on February 7, 1948 and checked out on February 18, 1948. He advised that during this period, Miss STRONG made several telephone calls to telephone listing Plaza 9-8600.

New York T-5, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that this telephone number was listed to HAROLD OBER Associates, 40 East 49th Street, New York City.

Additional information concerning ANNA LOUISE STRONG is being set out by another office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. MC CRYSTAL was recontacted on July 26, 1956 and advised that he could furnish no additional information concerning the above events. He advised that he had no personal knowledge of either Miss STRONG or HAROLD OBER Associates and lacking such personal knowledge, declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Security Hearing Board.

#### EDUCATION

Columbia University  
116th Street and Broadway  
New York City

b6 per CIA

Mrs. GLADYS LINDSAY, Registrar's Office, Professional School, advised from records on July 19, 1956, that RICHARD OBER, [REDACTED] was admitted as a regular student in the School of International Affairs in September of 1946. He attended this school from

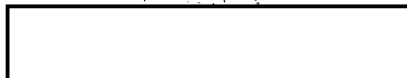
September, 1946 to January, 1947; from February, 1947 to June, 1947; from September, 1947, to January, 1948; from February, 1948 to June, 1948. A Master's Degree in International Affairs was conferred on this student on June 1, 1948.

This record contained no information reflecting unfavorably upon the character, reputation or loyalty of the employee.

Mrs. ROBERT M. JEFFERS, Departmental Secretary, School of International Affairs, advised on July 26, 1956, that there are presently no professors or instructors associated with this school who were there during the period of the employee's attendance, except Professor WALLACE. She further advised that Professor WALLACE is presently on vacation and is will not return to the university until September.

HENRY H. BAME, 116 East 96th Street, New York City, advised on July 25, 1956, that he had been a close associate of the employee during the time they attended Exeter Academy and Harvard University. He stated that he and the employee were roommates at Harvard and during one summer vacation, took a trip across the country together. They have had virtually no contact since their college years and he remarked that he has not seen the employee since 1949. Mr. BAME recalled that he met the employee's parents and brother and stayed at their home on a few occasions. He described the OBER family as a fine group of excellent character and reputation and he knew of nothing which would cause him to question the loyalty of either the employee or any of his family. He concluded by stating that he would highly recommend the employee for a position of trust and confidence with the United States government.

RESIDENCE



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Mrs. JAMES REID, [redacted] advised on July 17, 1956, that she has been acquainted with the OBER

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for about six years. While she has met the employee, she did not feel that she knew him well since she has seen him only when he is visiting his family. She stated that the OBER family impressed her as people who enjoy an excellent reputation in the community and that nothing has ever happened which would reflect in any way upon the loyalty of the OBER family. Mrs. REID added that [redacted] is a dead end street occupied by approximately five residences. She stated that one Mr. WOLCOTT who formerly resided on this Road, moved years ago to Connecticut and the other three people presently residing here are on vacation at the present time. b6 per CIA

Mrs. ANDREW WILSON, 401 Fort Hill Road, Scarsdale, New York, advised on July 17, 1956, that she has known the employee since he was a child. She stated that she is a very close friend of the employee's parents. She described the father of the employee as a very successful literary agent and the entire family lives quietly and enjoys a very respectable reputation in the neighborhood. She pointed out that the employee was working at the present time, primarily because he felt he could be contributing to the welfare of the country and not from any pecuniary motive. Mrs. WILSON stated that the employee has been away from this area for a long period of time and she has had virtually no contact with him over the past 10 years. She added, however, that in all the years she has known the family, she has never had the slightest indication that any member of the family has ever displayed any interest in Communism or any other subversive ideology.

#### REFERENCES

MEREDITH WOOD, 345 Hudson Street, New York City, advised on July 25, 1956, that he has been intimately acquainted with the OBER family since about 1921. His association has been entirely on a social and not a business basis.

Mr. WOOD described this family as fine people of excellent character and reputation. The employee is a sociable and intelligent lad who is extremely "tightmouthed." Mr. WOOD

explained that he arrived at this conclusion because he has engaged the employee in numerous conversations which occasionally would touch upon the employee's work. On these occasions the employee never indicated in any fashion what kind of work he was doing or anything concerning it. From a discussion of controversial issues and current events, Mr. WOOD stated he felt that the OBER family was undoubtedly affiliated with one of the two major political parties. He concluded by stating that he considers the entire OBER family to be solid, substantial American citizens who have never given any indication of any subversive tendencies. He remarked in regard to the employee, that he would recommend him highly for a position of trust and confidence, adding "you couldn't have picked a finer man."

Mr. F. HARRISON POOLE, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, advised on July 27, 1956, that he met the employee at Harvard University in the early 1940's. He stated that they both belonged to the same Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Harvard and when they finished school, each was assigned to the same unit in the Army and went to Officer Candidate School together.

He stated that they were very close friends during this period of time, but that he has not seen too much of him since about 1948.

Mr. POOLE advised the employee spent about four weeks with him at his mother's home in Gloucester, Massachusetts, during March 1946 and that he, Mr. POOLE, lived with the employee's parents for a few months in 1946 while he was trying to obtain suitable living accommodations for himself and his wife.

Mr. POOLE stated that he is very well acquainted with both the employee and his family and in his estimation, they are people of the highest character whose reputation and loyalty to this country are without question. He stated the employee is a "closemouthed guy" and that the government could not find a better man for a sensitive position.

RANDOLPH P. COMPTON, 17 Wall Street, New York City, advised on July 26, 1956, that he has known the OBER family personally since about 1922. He stated his acquaintanceship has been on a social and not a business plane.

He stated that since the employee has entered government service, his personal contact with him has been slight. He recalled, however, that a few years ago he and the employee went on a hunting trip to Canada, during which time their relationship was extremely close and he based most of his reactions upon that period. Mr. COMPTON described the employee and the entire OBER family as reputable people who enjoy a good reputation in New York City. He described the employee as extremely reserved in discussing his work and it was his impression that he is well thought of by all his acquaintances no matter what their age group. He stated that in the entire length of time he has known the OBER family, he has never had any reason to question their loyalty to the United States and he felt that the employee was well qualified for his recommendation for a position of trust and confidence with the United States government.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

It is to be noted that during a previous investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1954 concerning one WENDELL PHILLIPS REYNOLDS, HAROLD OBER, literary agent, 40 East 49th Street, New York City, was interviewed and advised he had formerly been associated with the firm of WENDELL REYNOLDS' father and had known the REYNOLDS' family since 1908. During that investigation, Mr. OBER advised he would have no reason to question the character, reputation or loyalty of Mr. REYNOLDS or his family.

WENDELL PHILLIPS REYNOLDS was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1954 under the provisions of Executive Order 10450 in the case entitled "WENDELL PHILLIPS REYNOLDS, Passport and Citizenship Clerk, Department of State, Panama - Security of Government Employees."

By letter dated April 27, 1956, the United States Civil Service Commission advised that the case involving REYNOLDS had been adjudicated under the provisions of Executive Order 10450 as a result of which a favorable determination had been reached.

The files of the Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D. C., reflect that during a recent personal interview, the employee advised a representative of that agency that his father HAROLD OBER is a literary agent and a rather well known figure in his business. He related that his father formerly was the sole owner of his business, but "a few years ago" took in as his associates two individuals named IVAN VON AUW and DOROTHY OLDING. The employee advised that he did not know either of these individuals very well, but believes that VON AUW specialized in television scripts.

EDWARD T. MC CRYSTAL, mentioned previously, advised on February 18, 1948, that ANNA LOUISE STRONG, while registered at the Hotel Wentworth from February 7, 1948 to February 18, 1948 had called telephone listing Gramercy 3-5732.

New York T-5, mentioned previously, advised this number was listed to IVAN VON AUW, 12 East 10th Street, New York City. As set forth previously, additional information concerning Miss STRONG is being set out by another office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Information was received from New York T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on various dates between March 12, 1952 and June 26, 1952, that he had observed approximately 11 press releases issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 246 5th Avenue, New York City and released between March and July, 1952. These releases were issued on the letterhead of this committee and the letterheads contain a partial list of sponsors of this committee. The name of IVAN VON AUW was included as one of these sponsors.

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case maintains national headquarters in room D, 940 Broadway, New York City and the mailbox servicing this office is labeled "Sobell Committee."

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGs were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951 and MORTON SOBELL to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining,



New York on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

HOWARD RUSHMORE, a newspaper reporter with the "New York Journal American," advised in January, 1952, that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS.

New York T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1956, that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was attempting to keep alive the Rosenberg Case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the Communist Party took an extremely active part in assisting the Committee.

The January 3, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker" page 7, columns 1, 2, and 3, contains an article entitled "Signers of Open Letter to End House Un-American Committee."

This article states: "Following are the names of the 313 educators, writers, scientists, artists, and clergymen who signed an open letter to members of the 81st Congress urging abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee." Column 3 contains the name of one of the signers, "IVAN VON AUW, Jr., New York City."

Volume 4, #21 issue of the "National Guardian" dated March 12, 1952, on page 5, contains an appeal for funds by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. IVAN VON AUW is listed as one of the partial list of sponsors of this organization.

The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948, aiming at national circulation, which they found to be, from its inception, notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management, and content. (1949 report of the California Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394.)

Mr. PHILLIP DUNNING, 220 West 42nd Street, New York City, advised on April 11, 1942, that IVAN VON AUW, Jr. whom he described as "formerly assistant secretary of the Authors League of America" was "now" with HAROLD OBER Literary Agency, New York City.



PAUL MILTON, 54 East 81st Street, New York City, a member of the Radio Writers Guild, advised that as of about May, 1954, and prior thereto, the Authors League of America was composed of the Authors Guild, Dramatists Guild, the Radio Writers Guild, and the Television Writers Guild, with national headquarters in New York City. He advised that in his opinion, the Authors League of America was at that time Communist infiltrated, but not Communist dominated.

Mr. MILTON advised on May 31, 1955, that the Radio Writers Guild and the Screen Writers Guild had withdrawn from the Authors League of America to form the Writers Guild of America. He further advised that the Radio Writers Guild was the subject of investigative hearings conducted by the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in April, 1951 and was also criticized by the professed anti-Communist element in the Radio Writers Guild for alleged pro-Communist activities. MILTON stated that he is of the opinion that the removal of the Radio Writers Guild from the Authors League of America would tend to make the latter organization less subject to being referred to as Communist infiltrated.

Mr. MILTON advised on November 29, 1955, that he has no knowledge of any Communist Party activity or infiltration of the Authors League of America at the present time.

On the employee's personal history statement, referred to previously, he listed one [redacted] as a character reference. [redacted]

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The Office of Naval Intelligence, 3rd Naval District, advised on October 19, 1942, that one [redacted] (no further designation) signed a statement "issued by the (Communist controlled) League

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of American Writers for the opening of a 2nd front."

The League of American Writers has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The employee's personal history statement also listed as a neighbor "at your last normal residence in the United States" one [redacted] with residence address at [redacted] b6 per CIA

New York T-8, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on September 15, 1943, that he had observed a list of names maintained at the headquarters of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. This list bore a penciled notation across the top which stated "Russian War Relief - Mailing list for dinner June 30, 1942." Included on this list were the names [redacted] b6 per CIA

The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Records of the Westchester County Board of Elections, White Plains, New York, were reviewed on July 18, 1956 and reflected the following information:

HAROLD OBER, [redacted] b6 per CIA registered expressing a preference for one of the two major political parties from 1936 through 1955 inclusive with the exception of the years 1937, 1939, 1941 and 1945 when no registration was shown. These records failed to reflect any registrations for this individual from this address in 1934 and 1935.

ANNE OBER, [REDACTED] b6 per CIA  
registered, expressing a preference for one of the two major political parties from 1936 through 1955 inclusive with the exception of the years 1937, 1949 and 1950, when no registration was shown. No registration was noted for this individual for the years 1934 and 1935.

RICHARD OBER, [REDACTED] b6 per CIA  
registered expressing a preference for one of the two major political parties for the years from 1946 to 1948 inclusive. In 1944, this individual registered as a war voter. No other record of registration was noted for this individual.

A representative of the Bureau of Special Services and of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, both of the New York City Police Department, advised on July 13, 1956, that the files of their respective agencies were reviewed and failed to reflect any record of the employee.

Chief JOHN SHERIDAN, Greenburgh, New York Police Department, advised on July 18, 1956, the files of his department contain no record of the employee or any member of his family.

Miss HELEN PUST, Credit Bureau of Greater New York, advised on July 17, 1956, that the files of her agency reflect a credit report dated March 17, 1948 on HAROLD OBER, [REDACTED] There was no unfavorable information contained in this report. This record also reflects a credit report dated December 1, 1943 concerning Lieutenant RICHARD OBER, [REDACTED] b6 per CIA

[REDACTED] formerly of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] This individual's business address was listed as Fort Bragg, North Carolina. There was no unfavorable information contained in this report.

Records of the Westchester Credit Bureau, White Plains, New York, were reviewed on July 17, 1956 and reflected no unfavorable information concerning HAROLD or RICHARD OBER.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Confidential informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, and who are familiar with Communist Party activities in the greater New York area, were contacted on July 18, 24 and 25, 1956, and advised that they have no knowledge of the employee and could furnish no information concerning him or his family members.

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INFORMANTS

New York T-1	NY 1395-S*	
New York T-2	Former [redacted] (by request)	b7D per FBI
New York T-3	LOUIS BUDENZ (by request)	
New York T-4	[redacted] (by request)	b7D per FBI
New York T-5	[redacted]	b7D per FBI
New York T-6	Former CSNY 426-S (to conceal technique)	
New York T-7	[redacted]	b7D per FBI
New York T-8	NY 1330-S*	

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identity of the informant must be concealed.

The confidential informants mentioned in this report and not otherwise identified are set forth as follows:

[redacted]	Contacted by SA [redacted]	b6 per FBI b7C
	Contacted by SA CHARLES D. SHORES.	b7D per FBI

IDENTITY OF SAS AND SES

Interviews with WOOD, COMPTON, BAME and POOLE	SA [redacted]	
Investigation at White Plains R.A.	SA JAMES E. GORDON	
Investigation at Columbia University	SA BEN ASHLEY COX	b6 per FBI
Investigation at NYCPD	SA AUGUST J. MICEK	b7C
Investigation NYC Credit Bureau	SA [redacted]	

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ADMINISTRATIVE

For the information of the Bureau, the 1948 reference of [redacted] listed on employee's 1948 PHS is believed identical with Bureau file [redacted] entitled: [redacted]

[redacted] New York report of SA RICHARD B. STULL, October 27, 1951, in the matter, reflects that the only derogatory information disclosed was the fact that HAROLD OBER was a reference of [redacted]. Investigation at New York City during this investigation failed to disclose the present whereabouts of [redacted] b6 per FBI b7C

In regard to IVAN VON AUW, mentioned in re report, New York file 100-2545-769, reflects that on 10/27/1947, Mrs. RICHARD C. HALL, 63-23 76th Street, Queens, New York, made available an index card drawer containing approximately 1200 names which she had received from the Lee Letter Service, 19 West 44th Street, NYC. According to a memorandum prepared at that time, Mrs. HALL was assigned to type envelopes addressed to the names contained on these cards. It was noted that the reverse side of the envelopes contained the printed legend "PAUL ROBESON, VALB." The memo stated that the index cards were "apparently maintained by the VALB and contained data regarding past contributions to the VALB." These cards were photostated by the New York Office and one of them bears the name of IVAN VON AUW, 12 East 10th Street, New York City.

A review of the photostats of the index cards, maintained as exhibits in the NYO, fails to reflect any identifying data on the cards which would indicate that they are in fact a mailing list of the VALB, nor are the notations on the cards identifiable as past contributions to the VALB. Judging from the circumstances surrounding Mrs. HALL's possession of these cards, it appears unlikely that she could furnish any positive information concerning their initial source. Since the exact significance and original source of this list are not known, no mention of it was made in instant report.

SCHEYLER WALLACE, Professor, School of International Affairs, Columbia University, who is listed on the employee's

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PHS as his instructor at Columbia, is maintained on the caution list of the New York Office. Investigation at New York City, as reflected in instant report, indicates WALLACE is presently on vacation and unavailable for interview.

One copy of this report is being designated for Washington Field Office, inasmuch as the employee is employed in the area covered by that Office.

This report is stamped ~~Secret~~ inasmuch as the CIA information referred to in instant report is taken from memoranda so stamped by that agency.

No investigation was conducted regarding the employee's listed employment at the Depot Service Station, Scarsdale, New York from 7/5/41 - 7/19/41. It was not felt that a two weeks employment of 15 years ago would be likely to disclose any substantial information bearing upon the employee's loyalty.

Bureau letter of 7/10/56 to Washington Field in this matter refers to CIA request that information be developed concerning the significance of associations of the employee's father with individuals suspected of having been involved in Soviet intelligence operations or persons suspected of having been involved in CP activities. It is pointed out that during the course of this investigation discreet inquiry was made of those individuals interviewed who were believed to be in a position to furnish knowledge concerning the employee's father's business, and possibly his associations therein. All individuals questioned stated that their association with the employee's father was on a social plane and not a business plane and consequently they would be unable to furnish any information concerning his associates in the literary field.

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RICHARD OBER, also known as: Dick  
~~Administrative Officer,~~ *Intelligence Officer*  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

July 31, 1956  
New York, New York

BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION

This investigation was conducted upon the specific request of the Central Intelligence Agency based upon information furnished by New York T-1, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, on September 6, 1945, to the effect that the name of HAROLD OBER, 40 East 49th Street, New York 11, New York, was one of a list of names maintained by ANNE TRAVEN, acting executive secretary of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans.

On a personal history statement dated June 5, 1948, filled out by the employee, he listed his father as HAROLD OBER, self-employed, occupation - publishing, business address 40 East 49th Street, New York, New York.

The United Committee of South Slavic Americans has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

New York T-1, mentioned previously, is unavailable for recontact.

During a previous investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1946-1951, ~~New York T-2~~, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1946, that one LLONA RALF SUES, ~~an~~ author, had been represented by an agent in New York by the name of HAROLD OBER.

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*of "Shark's Dins and Millet,"  
a book which the informant described as  
a well done piece of propaganda for  
the Chinese Red forces;*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Title: RICHARD OBER, also known as: Dick  
Intelligence Officer,  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Report of: Special Agent

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Date and Place: July 31, 1956  
New York, New York

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7/26/56

NEW YORK (140-2347)

SAC, BOSTON (140-1580)

RICHARD OBER, aka

CIA

SGE

BUDED: 7/31/56

ReNYairtel to Boston, 7/17/56, requesting Boston to report fact that OBER was agent of SUEZ, and furnish NY more complete statement of info concerning ~~SUEZ~~ SUEZ' sympathies and alleged propagandizing. Inasmuch as NY will document SUEZ, Boston need not report fact that OBER was agent of SUEZ, and NY will report this info.

Boston requested to expedite recontact with [redacted] and furnish NY with current characterization of [redacted]. In the event Boston intends to use this information b7D per FBI in its report, Boston notify NY as to what symbol number being assigned to [redacted]. Boston requested to furnish NY above info at earliest possible date.

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XXXX FROM: SAC, BOSTON (140-1580)

RICHARD OBER, aka Dick  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
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FFI. Buded 7/31/56.

Re New York airtel 7/17/56.

Former [ ] interviewed 7/27/56. Boston reporting that Former [ ] stated HAROLD OBER was literary agent for SUEZ in 1946. Former [ ] is T-9 in Boston report and described as one who has furnished reliable info in the past and who declined to furnish a signed statement or appear before a Security Hearing Board. Her identity is being kept confidential at her specific request. Former [ ] could furnish no additional info. b7D per FBI

All info concerning SUEZ in the Boston file has been furnished the New York Office in the report of SA BRENTON S. GORDON dated 1/25/46 and Boston letter to New York dated 5/17/50 in the case entitled, "ILONA RALF SUES, aka Ralf Sues, SM - C", Bosfile 100-16917. Boston will not document SUEZ. In Boston report, this individual's name will appear as "SUEZ" as set out in referenced New York airtel.

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SAC, BALTIMORE (140-4893)

RICHARD OBER, aka DICK  
Administrative Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SGE

Rebulet to WFO dated July 10, 1956; Bureau airtel to  
WFO dated July 11, 1956; WFO airtel to Bureau dated July 16, 1956.

WASHINGTON FIELD Office will include in its report the fact  
that the files of G-2, Central Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Baltimore,  
Maryland, have been searched through the Commanding Officer, [redacted] b6 per FBI  
[redacted], for SA JAMES E. BARRI b7C  
on July 20, 1956, relative to the employee or applicant, with  
the results checked below:

- (x) 1. And found to contain no record of the employee or applicant.  
( ) 2. And found to contain no information pertinent to this in-  
vestigation.  
( ) 3. And that the pertinent information reflected therein has been  
utilized by the FBI in conducting this investigation.

COMMENTS:

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1 - Bureau (140-5541)  
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REGULAR MAIL

NEW YORK (140-2347)

SAC, NEW HAVEN

RICHARD OBER, aka  
CIA - SGE  
BUDED 7/31/56

Re New York airtel to Boston, 7/17/56.

CIA letter of 6/25/56, mentioned in Bulet of 7/10/56, states that according to the employee, his father, HAROLD OBER, is presently in business with one IVAN VON AUW. CIA furnished the Bureau with information which reflects that IVAN VON AUW was one of the sponsors of the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

Re NY airtel requested NH to document the contact between STRONG and OBER which is set forth in NH file 100-10300. A copy of the report of SA WILLIAM D. CHAPPERS, referred to above is contained in NY files. It was noted that IVAN VON AUW is mentioned in connection with the contact between STRONG and OBER, in this file. NH is being requested to include in its report, the contact between VON AUW and STRONG as well as between OBER and STRONG. NY will furnish a summary of all info in its files concerning VON AUW.

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BOSTON (140-1580)

SAC, WFO (140-4074) AND SAC, ALBANY

RICHARD OMER, aka, Dick  
Administrative Officer,  
CIA, Washington, D. C.  
SOE  
BUDED: 7/31/56 FFI

Records of Alumni Office, Phillips Exeter Academy,  
Exeter, New Hampshire, disclosed employee resided at the  
following addresses on the dates indicated:

4/26/51

1/23/53

5/20/54

9/1/54

WFO handle.

For info Albany, basis is employee's father, HERBERT  
OMER, a literary agent, has been in contact with ANNA LOUISE  
STRONG, STEPHEN LAIRD and ALBERT MALTZ, all of whom have been  
identified as members of the CP. He was further reported to  
be an agent for ILONA ROLF SUES, who was reported sympathetic to  
the CP and possibly a Russian propagandist.

Employee interviewed by CIA relative to the above  
explained that his father because of the nature of his work  
was possibly in contact with persons who were Communists or  
pro-Communists.

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In Personal History Statement dated 6/5/48, employee listed as a reference, [redacted]

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[redacted] is presently  
[redacted]

Acting Superintendent of Mails, U. S. Post Office,  
Harvard Square, Cambridge, Mass., advised [redacted] left  
forwarding address as [redacted] Albany  
interview [redacted]

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Albany include the following info and documentation  
in connection with the interview of [redacted]

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In October, 1947, former [redacted] advised the name  
[redacted] not further identified, appeared on a  
leaflet as a sponsor of the Spanish Refugee Appeal in Boston

b6 per CIA

b7D per FBI

The Commonwealth of Mass., Department of Public Welfare,  
Subdivision of Incorporated Charities has a financial statement  
received March 26, 1951 from the Boston Chapter of the Spanish  
Refugee Appeal of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been  
designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant  
to Executive Order 10450.

Former [redacted] should be covered by a T-symbol  
described as one who has furnished reliable information in the  
past. His identity is being kept confidential at his specific  
request.

b7D per FBI

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NEW YORK (140-2347)

SAC, BOSTON

RICHARD OBER, aka: Dick  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C.  
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BUDED: 7/31/56

ReBulet to WFO, 7/10/56, no cc LA.

Investigation conducted at specific request of CIA  
based on the contacts of the employee's father, HAROLD OBER.

Employee, interviewed by CIA, advised his father,  
HAROLD OBER, is self-employed as a literary agent at 40 E. 49th  
St., NY, NY.

BOSTON

Reurreport of SA BRENTON S. GORDON, 1/25/46, entitled,  
"ILONA RALF SUEZ, aka: Ralf Suez," Boston file 100-16917. Page 9,  
reflects [ ] (Boston letter 5/17/50, changed it to [ ]) b7D per FBI

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Identified HAROLD OBER as agent of SUEZ; also, a documentation of SUEZ. Boston recontact [ ] report fact OBER was agent of SUEZ and furnish NY more complete statement of informant concerning SUEZ' CP sympathies and alleged propagandist. NY documenting SUEZ. b7D per FBI

#### LOS ANGELES

Reurfile 100-7905, titled "ABART MALTZ; SM - C." Report of SA WILLIAM T. BAKER at Mexico City, 7/29/55, does not contain dissemination on face but it is assumed LA received a copy inasmuch as a lead was set out for LA. Included in this report is a contact of MALTZ and OBER. LA report contact and document MALTZ. NY to report money transaction in report of SA ALAN W. MURDOCH at NY dated 12/29/53.

Reurfile on "ANNA LOUISE STRONG; IS - R, RA." Furnish documentation only. NY and NH reporting contacts of OBER with STRONG.

#### NEW HAVEN

Reurfile 100-10300, titled, "ANNA LOUISE STRONG, was; IS - R, RA." Report of SA WILLIAM D. CHAPPERS at New Haven 3/5/48. New Haven report contact. LA to document STRONG. NY reporting contact with OBER and STRONG in NY.

#### WFO

Reurfile 65-5114, titled "STEPHEN LAIRD, was; ESPIONAGE - R". Report of SA HOLLIS W. BOWERS, 11/18/49. WFO report contact of OBER and LAIRD and document LAIRD.

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BOSTON (140-1580)

SAC, BUFFALO AND SAC, NEW YORK (140-2347)

RICHARD OBER, aka, Dick  
Administrative Officer,  
Central Intelligence Agency,  
Washington, D. C.

Rebulet to WFO 7/10/56 and WFO airtel to Boston  
7/17/56. Dated: 7/31/56. PFI.

Investigation conducted at specific request of  
CIA based on contacts of employee's father, HAROLD OBER.  
Employee interviewed by CIA, advised his father, HAROLD OBER,  
is self-employed as a literary agent at 40 East 49th Street,  
New York, New York. Employee born 4/5/21 at New York, New York.  
Attended Harvard University 1940 to 1943 and resided at Winthrop  
House, a college dormitory.

His roommates were HENRY HOFFELD BANE, 166 East  
96th Street, New York City and GEORGE MOTLEY ANGLE, 20 East  
Avenue, Rochester, New York.

Buffalo and New York interview.

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[REDACTED] BEING CARRIED IN NY REPORT AS BOSTON T DASH NINE  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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TO: DIRECTOR

8/2/56

FROM: SAC, WFO (140-4074)

RICHARD OBER, aka "Dick", Intelligence Officer, Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D. C., SGE

[redacted] Personnel Officer, CIA, has now advised that OBER is employed in the position of Intelligence Officer as set out above.

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SACs, Washington Field (140-4074) (BCS)  
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RICHARD OBER, AKA, CIA, SGE, BUDED: 7-31-56.

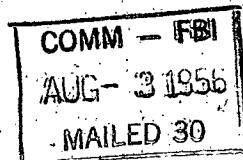
Re Boston air-tel July 25 and Washington Field  
form FD-205 dated July 30, 1956. Albany surep immediately  
or advise reason for delay. Washington Field surep to  
reach Bureau by August 7, 1956, as indicated in referenced  
FD-205 or submit more detailed explanation for delay in  
this case.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

8/6/56

FROM: SAC, WFO (140-4074)

RICHARD OBER  
aka "Dick"  
Intelligence Office  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SGE

Buded 7/31/56. ReBulet to WFO dated 7/10/56.

FFI requested by CIA on the basis of info that the name of HAROLD OBER, the employee's father, was on a list of names maintained by the secretary of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans.

Info was also developed that employee's father has been in contact with several individuals of questionable loyalty.

The report of SA WAYNE K. WELCH at San Francisco, dated 11/22/54, captioned OWEN LATTIMORE, Espionage-R, Perjury (SF 100-31051) (LA 65-4945), on pages 11 and 15 sets forth info concerning HAROLD OBER, 40 E. 49th St., N.Y.

On a Personal History Statement dated 6/5/48, executed by the employee and maintained in his file at the CIA, he lists HAROLD OBER, business address of 40E. 49th St., New York, New York, as his father. On this PHS he listed his father's birth data as 7/25/81, Laconia, New Hampshire, and his occupation as the publishing business.

A review of the above report of SA WELCH reflected that the info concerning HAROLD OBER on page 11 originated with WAYNE V. MASTERSON, 2031 W. Von Wich St., Los Angeles, California.

LA is requested to report pertinent info.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>BOSTON</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>8/8/56</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/3,6,7/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>RICHARD OBER aka "Dick" Intelligence Officer Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C.</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	Typed By: <b>b6 per FBI, ds b7C</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</b>	

Synopsis:

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

, reference, Cambridge, Massachusetts, recommenb6 per CIA employee and members of family highly with regard to character, reputation, associates and loyalty to the United States.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA  dated July 30, 1956 at Bostb6 per FBI  
Albany air-tel dated August 2, 1956. b7C  
Washington Field air-tel dated August 2, 1956.

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RICHARD OBER  
aka "Dick"  
Intelligence Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Boston, Massachusetts  
August 8, 1956

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

REFERENCE

On August 7, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted], advised that he has known the employee's father since 1927. [redacted] stated that in that year he started his career as an author and contacted the employee's father in connection with his writings. He said that since that time the employee's father, HAROLD OBER, has been his literary agent. He stated that through the years he and members of the employee's family have become close friends.

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[redacted] stated that while in attendance at Harvard College in Cambridge the employee was in frequent contact with him. He stated that through the years he has had the opportunity to observe all members of the family and has found them to be persons of the highest standards of behavior. He described them as person of excellent character, reputation and associates and unquestionable loyalty to the United States. He recommended the employee without qualification for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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In October, 1947, Boston T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the name [redacted] not further identified, appeared on a leaflet as a sponsor of the Spanish Refugee Appeal in Boston.

b6 per CIA

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Welfare, Subdivision of Incorporated Charities, has a financial statement received March 26, 1951 from the Boston Chapter of the Spanish Refugee Appeal of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.



The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed and the T symbol was utilized in this report only in that instance where the identity of the source must be concealed.

INFORMANT

Boston T-10 is former [REDACTED] who has requested that his name be kept confidential. b7D per FBI

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Title: RICHARD OBER  
aka "Dick"  
Intelligence Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Report of: Special Agent

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Date and Place: August 8, 1956, at Boston, Massachusetts

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, BOSTON (140-1580)  
FROM: SAC, ALBANY (140-883)  
RE: RICHARD OBER, aka., Dick  
Administrative Officer  
CIA, Washington, D.C.  
SGE  
Buded: 7/31/56 FFI

Re Boston Airtel to WFO and Albany, 7/25/56 b6 per CIA & FBI  
b7C per FBI  
[redacted] Boonville, N.Y. advised  
on 7/31/56, that [redacted] is in Mass. until 8/18/56.  
Address given is [redacted] during  
the day, and in care of [redacted]  
Concord, Mass., if not located at above address.

Boston handle. No further investigation and  
no report being prepared by Albany. RUC.

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CC: 2-Boston (140-1580) (RM)  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (140-5541)

DATE: 8/1/56

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (140-1580)

SUBJECT: RICHARD OBER, aka Dick  
Administrative Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Re Boston teletype to Director and New York dated 7/31/56  
and report of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/30/56 at Boston b6 per FBI  
in above captioned matter. b7C

There are being transmitted herewith, as per Boston teletype  
dated 7/31/56, amended pages of rerep. Pages amended are  
synopsis page, page 6, and page 8. The Boston copies  
have been changed accordingly.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>WASHINGTON FIELD</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>8/9/56</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/12,16,17,19,27,30,31; 8/1,2,3,5,6,7/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>CHANGED RICHARD OBER, aka "Dick" Intelligence Officer Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 1.2em;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>b6 per FBI jtn b7C</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</b>	

**SYNOPSIS:**

Personal history set forth. Employee's comments concerning his father's activities set out. Employment at CIA from 1948 to present. Associates and supervisors recommend. References recommend. Neighborhood investigation favorable. Information re contacts of employee's father with individuals of doubtful loyalty set forth. Passport information favorable. No record G-2 or HCUA. Information in files in Washington Credit Bureau re employee and wife also favorable. MPD records reflected no record of employee's wife and only minor traffic violations for employee. No record of employee or wife in files of USRP, Montgomery County Police Department, Arlington Police Department, or Fairfax County Police Department. Washington, D. C., confidential informants had no knowledge of employee.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field dated July 10, 1956.

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<p><i>1XC-TO AX - 2N/PAK 3/18/74</i></p> <p><b>63 OCT 17 1956</b></p> <p><b>JUL 12 1963</b></p> <p><b>EX-110</b></p>		<p><b>SECRET</b></p>	

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RICHARD OBER, aka  
"Dick"  
Intelligence Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

August 9, 1956  
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL HISTORY

The following background information was obtained from the files of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and interviews of fellow employees.

RICHARD OBER was born April 5, 1921, at New York City.

He attended high school at Exeter, New Hampshire, from 1936-40; Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, from 1940-43, and Columbia University, New York City, from 1946-48.

OBER served in the United States Army from 1943-46.

Since December, 1948, he has been employed by the CIA.

He presently resides with his wife and children at Fairfax Station, Virginia.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

The files of Washington T-1, another Government agency which conducts personnel and security investigations, were reviewed on July 30, 1956, and reflected that OBER was recently interviewed in regard to his knowledge of the activities of his father and furnished the following information:

"Subject stated that his father has been a literary agent since shortly after the graduation of his father from college, and that, in the business, he is a rather well-known figure. Subject stated that his father previously was the sole owner and operator of the business but, a few years ago, took in as associates two individuals who had previously been employed by him. These individuals were IVAN VON AUW and DOROTHY OLDING.

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Subject stated that he did not know either of these individuals very well but believed that VON AUW specialized in television scripts.

"Subject indicated that it was very possible that his father, through his business, may have been, or could conceivably have been, connected or associated with individuals in the literary field or publication field who have been pro-Communist or involved in Communist activities. Subject stated that he was quite aware that certain prominent individuals in the literary field have "peculiar political views." However, subject stated that he did not recall his father ever making any remark indicating that he knew, was the literary agent, or was associated with, anyone of leftist sympathies or who was involved in activities of a Communist nature.

"Subject stated that in regard to the individuals for whom his father was literary agent he had little knowledge in regard to the business activities of his father in recent years, but that he did recall several years ago that his father had, among other clients, WALTER D. EDMONDS, FANNIE HYSLIP LEE, AGATHA CHRISTIE, F. SCOTT FITZGERALD and PHILLIP WYLIE. Subject stated that he had never been connected with the literary agent business of his father and actually had little knowledge of the business.....

"In regard to his father, subject stated that his father was a "liberal" in the strict sense of the word, and an individual who was personally very interested in civil rights, government security standards, and similar issues, but was not a "joiner" and had no organizational connections of which the subject was aware other than those of a professional type. Subject stated that his father was not politically active, but was a supporter of one of the major political parties and, to his knowledge, has never been connected in any way with any organization of a Communist or pro-Communist nature."

The files of Washington T-1, reflected that OBER was investigated by that agency in 1948 in connection with his application for a position there, and that all the informants contacted commented favorably concerning him.

#### Employment

[redacted] Personnel Officer, CIA, reviewed b3 per CIA the employee's personnel file on July 30, 1956, and stated b6 that OBER entered on duty on December 6, 1948, as a Foreign Affairs Analyst and that he is presently employed as an Intelligence Officer. He stated that the record reflected that



OBER was overseas in Germany from about March, 1952, through October, 1954. [ ] stated that the information in that file concerning the employee was all favorable.

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[ ] Area Division Staff Chief, CIA, stated on July 30, 1956, that he first met OBER about 1951 or 1952 in Washington, D. C. He said that they were not in the [ ] Division at the time, but did have business dealings. He said that when OBER did return to the United States on leave from his foreign assignment, the employee did check in with him for consultation.

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[ ] stated that OBER was under his indirect supervision for several months following his return from [ ] in the latter part of 1954. He said that since that time they have had occasional business contact, although for the past several months he has not seen the employee except for occasional meetings in the hallway.

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[ ] said that their social contacts have been very limited.

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He stated that he has never had any occasion to question OBER's loyalty to the United States, and that he considers him to be a person of excellent character and reputation.

[ ] said that he knew of no organizational affiliations on the employees part and commented that OBER did not impress him as "joiner" type. [ ] said he is not acquainted with the employee's parents. He said he has met the employee's wife on one or two occasions and that she has impressed him favorably.

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[ ] commented that OBER has somewhat of a quirk in that the employee is the type who wants to make all the decisions rather than delegating responsibility in that respect to his subordinates and as a result employee works himself to the point where he has to take sick leave.

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[ ] CIA, stated on July 30, 1956, that he first met OBER about 1952, in Germany but that they only knew each other there very casually as employees of the CIA. He said that they renewed their acquaintances about eight months ago when OBER came under his direct supervision.

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[ ] said their associations have been strictly of a business nature and that he knows nothing of OBER's outside activities or associates. He said that he has had no reason

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to question OBER's loyalty to the United States and that he considers him to be a person of excellent character and reputation.

[ ] said he is not acquainted with the employee's wife or parents. b3 per CIA  
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[ ] CIA, stated on August 3, 1956, that he first met the employee at the CIA about 1951, but that his main association with him was during the period September, 1954, to April, 1956, during which time he was OBER's immediate supervisor. [ ] said he knew nothing of the employee's outside activities or his relatives. b3 per CIA  
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He stated that based on his association with the employee, which has been strictly of a business nature, he would say that OBER is a loyal American of excellent character and reputation.

Mr. HARRY A. ROSITZKE, CIA, who is also a reference of the employee, stated on July 30, 1956, that he became casually acquainted with the employee about 1948-49 in Washington, D. C. He said that OBER worked under his supervision in 1951 and was also under his supervision for about two years in Munich, Germany. He said that in addition to daily business contact at that time, they also saw each other socially quite frequently. Mr. ROSITZKE said that since their return from Germany they have had occasionally social as well as business contacts.

Mr. ROSITZKE said he would have no hesitancy in recommending OBER as a loyal American of excellent moral character and reputation. He said that he knows of no organizational affiliations on the employee's part and commented that OBER works extremely hard in his spare time on a little farm that he has in Virginia. He described OBER as a conscientious, level-headed and serious type of individual.

Mr. ROSITZKE stated that he is also well acquainted with the employee's wife and commented favorably as to her character, reputation and loyalty. He stated that the OBERs have three small children.

He said that he has met the employee's parents on about six occasions and that they visit the employee about twice a year. He said that he would say that OBER is moderately close to his parents and he believes that the employee and his father have a mutual interest in gardening which brings them together. Mr. ROSITZKE commented that OBER is an independent individual who leads his own life and is not the type who would be unduly influenced by his parents.

[redacted] CIA, who is also a reference of the employee, stated on July 30, 1956, that he first met OBER in 1952 in Germany where they were both employed by the CIA. He said that for awhile there the employee was his supervisor and then he became OBER's supervisor and that they have switched back and forth in that respect until recently when they were assigned to different sections. [redacted] said that OBER returned to the United States in the latter part of 1954 and that he came back in February, 1955. He stated that while in Germany and since their return, he and the employee have been close socially as well as in a business capacity. b3 per CIA b6

[redacted] stated that OBER is the most security conscious person he has ever known and that he has absolutely no question in his mind regarding the employee's loyalty to the United States. He said that OBER is a person of excellent character and reputation. [redacted] stated that OBER is or was in the Army reserve and is also possibly affiliated with the Harvard Alumni Association. b3 per CIA b6

[redacted] said he knows the employee's wife quite well and has the same high regard for her. b3 per CIA b6

He stated that he has met the employee's parents and that the employee's mother, herself, visited OBER in [redacted]. [redacted] said he has also met the employee's parents on a couple of occasions in Washington when they were visiting the employee. He stated that it is his impression that OBER is quite close to both of his parents. b3 per CIA b6

[redacted] CIA, who is also a reference of the employee, stated on August 7, 1956, that he met the employee briefly in late 1948 or early 1949. He said that he went overseas in 1949 and upon his return in 1950, he supervised OBER for about six months. [redacted] stated that following OBER's return from overseas in the fall of 1954, the employee worked under his immediate supervision until about six months ago. b3 per CIA b6

[redacted] stated that they are also acquainted socially to a limited extent. He said that in his opinion OBER is a person of excellent character and reputation. He stated that he has never had any reason to question the employee's loyalty. b3 per CIA b6

[redacted] stated that he is also acquainted with the employee's wife and would say the same concerning her character, reputation and loyalty. [redacted] said that he is not acquainted with the employee's parents and knows of no organizational activity on OBER's part. b3 per CIA b6

### References

Mr. SAMUEL J. LANAHAAN, Attorney, Washington Building, stated on August 3, 1956, that he first became acquainted with the employee about 1943 through his wife in Scarsdale, New York. He said that he has continued his social association with OBER up to the present time and feels that he knows him quite well.

Mr. LANAHAAN stated that there is absolutely no question in his mind concerning the employee's loyalty and that he would recommend him as a person of excellent character and reputation. Mr. LANAHAAN said he knows of no organizational affiliations on the employee's part and commented that OBER is not the "joiner" type. He said they have many mutual acquaintances and that they all have the highest regard for the employee.

Mr. LANAHAAN said he is also acquainted with the employee's parents and brother. He said that the employee and his father seem to get along very well together and he commented that they have a mutual hobby in farming. Mrs. LANAHAAN said that in his opinion the employee and his father are pretty close.

Mr. SPURGEON KEENEY, Secretary of the Advisory Board on Atomic Energy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Development, Pentagon, stated on August 3, 1956, that he first knew the employee about 1946-47 when they were fellow students at Columbia University for about one year. He commented that they were not very well acquainted during that period.

He said they renewed their acquaintances in Washington, D. C., about 1949 or 1950, and that OBER married a friend of his, [redacted] about 1950 or 1951. Mr. KEENEY, said that since that time they have become reasonably well acquainted and occasionally visit in each others home. b3 per CIA b6

Mr. KEENEY said that nothing has ever come to his attention which would cause him to question the employee's loyalty to the United States and that he considers him to be a person of excellent character and reputation. He said that he also has the highest regard for the employee's wife.

Mr. KEENEY stated that he has met the employee's parents on one occasion when they were visiting, but that he does not know how close the employee is to his father. He

said that he understood that the employee's parents visit the OBERs here a couple of times a year and that the employee also occasionally goes to New York to see them.

He commented that OBER is a very quiet and reserved type of individual and extremely security conscious.

### RESIDENCES

Files of the CIA reflected that the employee's current address is Fairfax Station, Virginia.

Mrs. HELEN ANDERSON, Postal Clerk, Fairfax Station Post Office, stated on July 30, 1956, that she has known the employee and his family to a limited extent during the period that OBER resided in that area. She stated that she has had no information to consider him to be other than a loyal American citizen of excellent character and reputation.

Mrs. E. CARTER, Postmaster, Fairfax Station Post Office, stated on July 31, 1956, that she has known the employee and his wife during that time that they have lived in the neighborhood and that in her opinion they are people of good character and reputation and loyal Americans.

Mrs. M. K. JASPER, Fairfax Station, Virginia, stated on July 31, 1956, that she has known the OBERs as neighbors and that they have been to several social functions in the neighborhood together. She stated that they have impressed her favorably in every respect and that she believes them to be loyal Americans citizens.

Mrs. ETHEL PITTS, owner of the Dew Drop Inn Store, Fairfax Station, Virginia, and Mr. W. L. CARTER, owner of Carter's Exchange, Fairfax Station, Virginia, were both interviewed on July 30, 1956, and stated that the employee was unknown to them.

Records of the Alumni Office, Phillips Exeter Academy, New Hampshire, reflected that as of May 20, 1954, the employee was residing at 3704 Manor Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Mrs. BEN R. BALDWIN, Apartment 3, 3704 Manor Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland, stated on August 6, 1956, that she also resided there in 1954, but did not recall the employee.

Mrs. CHRIS L. CHAPPEL, Apartment 2, 3704 Manor Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland, stated on August 5, 1956, that

she recalled that RICHARD OBER resided there for several months in 1954 following his return from overseas. She said that he and his wife lived with Mrs. OBER's parents, [redacted] b3 per CIA in an apartment at that address. Mrs. CHAPPELL said b6 that she did not know the employee sufficiently well to comment concerning him.

Files of CIA reflected that between late 1951 and May, 1952, the employee and his wife resided at a guest house at [redacted] b3 per CIA b6

Mr. JOHN G. LAYLIN, Attorney, Union Trust Building, who resides at 2131 Leroy Place, N. W., and who is also a reference of the employee, stated on August 1, 1956, that [redacted] b3 per CIA b6

the employee in 1951 and 1952. He stated that they have kept their association to the present time. Mr. LAYLIN stated that he has a high regard for the employee and Mrs. OBER and considers them to be loyal Americans. He stated that he is not acquainted with the employee's parents.

Washington T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1947, that PRISCILLA and ALGER HISS arranged to have dinner at the home of JOHN G. and DIANA LAYLIN, 2131 Leroy Place, N. W.

The records of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, reflect that ALGER HISS was convicted on two counts of perjury on January 20, 1950, resulting from his testimony before a Grand Jury wherein he (1) denied furnishing Government documents or other information to JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or any other unauthorized person and (2) denied having seen CHAMBERS subsequent to January 1, 1937. On January 25, 1950, he was sentenced to five years on each count with the sentences to run concurrently.

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, a self-confessed member of the Communist Party and Soviet Espionage agent, accused HISS of furnishing classified Government documents and information to him for transmittal to the Soviet Union.

Mr. ROGER FISHER, Box 437, Route 2, Mc Lean, Virginia, who is also a reference of the employee, stated on August 1, 1956, that he met the employee and his family during the OBERs residence in Vienna, Virginia, during 1951 and 1952. He stated they have been a social acquaintances since that time, and that he would recommend the OBERs as loyal Americans of good character and reputation.

Mr. FISHER stated that he does not know the employee's parents.

Files of the CIA reflected that the employee resided prior to 1952 at 607 South Walter Reed Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

Mrs. J. LEE, Manager, Fillmore Gardens Apartment, stated on August 1, 1956, that her records reflected that the employee resided in [redacted] b3 per CIA [redacted] from May 24, 1950, to November 1, 1951. She stated the b6 was nothing unfavorable concerning him in their records.

Mrs. EDITH A. NEWCOMB, [redacted] [redacted] stated on August 3, 1956, that she has resided there since 1946 and recalled that the employee resided across the b3 per CIA hall in [redacted] in 1950-51, but that she was not b6 acquainted with him.

Miss EDNA S. DINIEUS, 2801 Adams Mill Road, N. W., stated on August 3, 1956, that she resided in an apartment at 607 S. Walter Reed Drive, Arlington, Virginia, in 1951, but did not recall the employee.

The files of the Fillmore Gardens Apartment reflected that the employee had previously resided at the [redacted] b3 per CIA b6

Mrs. H. B. STORK, Office Manager, [redacted] Rental Office, [redacted] stated on August 1, 1956, that her records reflected that the employee resided at the [redacted] in the men's dormitory from December 14, 1948, to June 27, 1949. She stated that there was nothing unfavor- b3 per CIA able concerning him in their records and that she did not b6 recall him. Mrs. STORK said that she knew of no one there now who might recall the employee inasmuch as there is a constant turnover of roomers in the men's dormitory.

The records of [redacted] reflected that the employee formerly resided at [redacted] b3 per CIA b6

Miss A. BISCAS, Sales Representative, [redacted] [redacted] stated on July 31, 1956, that they have no record prior to 1954, and that she knew of no b3 per CIA one who might recall the employee. b6

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Washington T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in August, 1949, that STEPHEN LAIRD and his wife had in their possession certain penciled notations,

including the name of HAROLD OBER.

Washington T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1942 that on April 18, 1940, the Executive Committee of the Washington Chapter voted to disassociate from the Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign and to affiliate with the North American Spanish Aid Committee. According to T-4, STEPHEN LAIRD was among the members in attendance. He also advised that LAIRD was named in a list of the Executive Committee of the Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign.

The Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign was cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist front organization in its report of January 3, 1940.

The North American Spanish Aid Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Washington T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in December, 1949, that STEPHEN LAIRD received a paper bound book entitled "The Communist Trial and American Crossroads." He also advised that the text of that book appeared to describe the injustice allegedly meted the eleven Communist Party leaders by Federal Judge HAROLD R. MEDINA.

Washington T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in April, 1953, that on February 26, 1953, STEPHEN LAIRD stated he had never made a secret of the fact that during and after the Spanish Civil War he had openly expressed himself in favor of the Communist cause and had held pro-Communist views up to the time of the Nazi-Soviet Pact.

Washington T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available in 1953 the Loyalty Pledge which STEPHEN LAIRD submitted to the Columbia Broadcasting System on January 10, 1951. On that pledge he stated that he was not then or never had been a member of the Communist Party USA or any Communist organizations. On the Loyalty Pledge he typed a one and a half page statement, part of which is quoted as follows:

"I feel strongly against signing and returning this loyal statement: It seems an affront to an individuals Civil rights and dignity;.....



"In 1938 when I was 22, and a Staff Writer on Fortune Magazine, I certainly was what is called a fellow-traveler and was known, willingly, to my colleagues on Fortune and at Timeinc, as a 'Communist.' .....

"The only Party in the United States I could see which was advocating this collective security and which seemed to see the real dangers of the Nazis and Fascists and Japanese militarists, was the Communist Party. Therefore it seemed to me, one ought openly to say that he agreed with and supported this policy. I attended some 'open meetings of the Communist Party', but I never signed a card, never belonged to a Communist group, never contributed any money to the Communist Party; nor did I ever belong to any Communist 'front' organization."

Washington T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that in October, 1946, INEZ MUNOZ, c/o the American Institute for Foreign Trade, Phoenix, Arizona, had received a communication from HAROLD OBER of 40 East 49th Street, New York, New York.

The Daily Worker edition of August 15, 1938, contained an article concerning the Workers School, 35 East 12th Street, New York City. That article reflected that one INES MUNOZ, a Journalist, graduated from that school. The article stated in part that "last Friday night 40 people equipped with Marxist-Leninist teachings graduated from the first summer day school."

The Workers School of New York City located at 35 East 12th Street, New York City, was cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in its report of March 29, 1944, as "an official Communist Party school."

Washington T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in June, 1946, that INEZ MUNOZ was friendly with JOSEPH B. GREGG.

Washington T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in June, 1946, that INEZ MUNOZ and HELEN TENNEY were friendly.

INES MUNOZ, in an application for Federal employment, executed in 1942, indicated that she was employed by the Hemisphere Corporation in New York City as a Translator, under the supervision of ROBERT T. MILLER/III, from November, 1940, to July, 1941, and as an Assistant Librarian under J. E. GREGG for the same corporation in Washington, D. C., from April, 1942, until August, 1942.

ELIZABETH TERRELL BENTLEY, self-confessed former Soviet espionage agent, identified JOSEPH B. GREGG, HELEN TENNEY, and ROBERT T. MILLER/III as individuals involved in a Soviet espionage conspiracy in Washington, D. C., and New York in the early 1940's.

Files of the Passport Office of the Department of State were reviewed on July 27, 1956, and reflected that the employee was issued passport no. 79793 on June 18, 1947, for proposed three months travel to attend school in Switzerland.

The Passport File further reflected that RICHARD OBER was issued a [redacted] on April 11, 1943 per CIA for proposed travel to Germany on official business. b6

On March 31, 1954, the above passport was renewed until April 10, 1956, by the American Consular at Munich, Germany.

Files of G-2, Department of the Army, Central Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Maryland, were reviewed on July 20, 1956, and no record of the employee was found.

Files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were reviewed on July 16, 1956, and no record of the employee was found.

Files of the Washington Credit Bureau were reviewed on July 16, 1956, and reflected only favorable information concerning the employee and his wife.

Files of the Criminal Division and the Special Investigations Squad of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., were reviewed on July 16, 1956, and no record of the employee or his wife was found.

Files of the Traffic Division of the Metropolitan Police Department reflected that RICHARD OBER, born April 5, 1921, at New York City, was charged with three minor traffic

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violations during the period February, 1949, through May, 1950. No record of the employee's wife was found in the files of the Traffic Division of the Metropolitan Police Department; it is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., are out of file and not available for review.

Files of the United States Park Police, Washington, D. C., were reviewed on July 16, 1956, and no record of the employee or his wife could be found.

Files of the Montgomery County Police Department, Rockville, Maryland, were reviewed on August 2, 1956, and no record of the employee or his wife could be found.

Files of the Arlington, Virginia, Police Department were reviewed on July 16, 1956, and no record of the employee or his wife was found.

Files of the Fairfax County, Maryland, Police Department were reviewed on July 16, 1956, and no record of the employee or his wife was found.

Washington confidential informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who have knowledge of some Communist activities in the Washington, D. C., area, were contacted on July 16, 17, and 19, 1956, and stated that the employee is unknown to them and that they possessed no information concerning him.

The employee was checked against the records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and no criminal record was found.

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This report is classified ~~"Secret"~~ inasmuch as that is the classification placed by the CIA on the employee's Security File.

Reference JOHN LAWERENCE KOEHNER Jr., is on vacation according to his Secretary and will be unavailable until the latter part of August. Since he is not readily available he will not be interviewed.

Neighborhood investigations at [redacted] and [redacted], and interviews with reference LAYLIN and FISHER were conducted by SA ROBERT L. HOLCOMBE. b3 per CIA b6

Inasmuch as the New York report in this case documents IVAN VON AUW sufficiently well, it was not considered necessary to use information concerning him as set forth in attachment B of the CIA letter.

A review of the applicant type of investigation in 1947 of the employee's wife reflected no derogatory information.

Review of WFO files on STEPHEN LAIRD failed to reflect that he has been identified as a Communist Party member.

A review of the CIA applicant type investigation conducted by WFO on COREY H. FORD did not reflect any information as to HAROLD OBER being a contact of the League of American Writers.

AGENCY CHECKS

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Montgomery County Police Department - SE [REDACTED]

Arlington Police Department and  
Fairfax County Police Department - SE [REDACTED]

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INFORMANTS

T-1: Security Office, CIA

T-2:

[REDACTED]

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T-3:

Anonymous source who was T-5 in  
the report of SA HOLLIS W. BOWERS  
dated 8/31/49, at WDC captioned  
STEPHEN LAIRD, Espionage-R.

T-4:

Anonymous Source.

T-5:

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T-6:

A confidential foreign source as  
reflected in the report of SA BOWERS  
at WDC dated 1/6/54, captioned  
STEPHEN LAIRD, Espionage-R.

T-7:

Unknown source at CBS New York, as  
reflected in the above mentioned  
report of SA BOWERS dated 1/6/54.

T-8:

Informant 3

T-9:

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T-10:

WF 438-S\*

Washington confidential informants are:

[REDACTED]

SA WILLIAM G. SHAW

SA RICHARD B. LAVIN

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SA RAYMOND L. O'KELLY

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Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identity of the sources must be concealed.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

WFO will report results of a check of the employee's name at the CSC. Will report results of OSI file review concerning information set forth in paragraph four, page three of Bureau letter to WFO dated 7/10/56.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Title: RICHARD OBER, aka.  
"Dick"  
Intelligence Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Report of: Special Agent

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Date and Place: August 9, 1956, Washington, D. C.

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*EX-110*  
RICHARD OBER  
aka "Dick"  
Intelligence Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

For your information, and in order that consideration may be given as to whether any Federal laws have been violated, there is transmitted herewith one copy of each of the reports reflecting the results of an investigation conducted by this Bureau regarding the captioned individual.

These reports are listed in the enclosed copy of a letter transmitting results of the investigation to the United States Civil Service Commission.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
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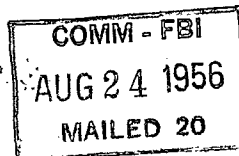
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Date: AUG 24 1956

To: Mr. Kimbell Johnson  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

File # \_\_\_\_\_

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: RICHARD OBER  
aka "Dick"  
Intelligence Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

There are transmitted herewith two copies of the following reports covering an investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning the captioned individual.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 9, 1956, at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 31, 1956, at New York, New York.

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Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 30, 1956, at Boston, Massachusetts.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 8, 1956, at Boston, Massachusetts.

Report of Special Agent John C. F. Morris, dated July 26, 1956, at Los Angeles, California.

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Please advise this Bureau of the ultimate disposition which is made of this case.

1 cc AAG (18) William F. Tompkins (Under separate cover) (Encl.)  
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Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
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Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Letter to Mr. Kimbell Johnson  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission

Report of Special Agent John C. F. Morris, dated  
August 10, 1956, at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent T. Howard Valdron, dated  
July 30, 1956, at Newark, New Jersey.

Report of Special Agent William B. Zimmerman, dated  
July 27, 1956, at New Haven, Connecticut.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], dated  
July 28, 1956, at Buffalo, New York.

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A limited amount of investigation remains to be  
conducted in this matter and results thereof will be  
forwarded to you upon completion. Another Government agency  
has been requested to cause any necessary overseas investigation  
to be conducted and results thereof will be forwarded to you  
upon receipt.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>8/10/56</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>8/10/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>RICHARD OBER</b> Also Known As "Dick" Intelligence Officer Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C.		REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN C. F. MORRIS</b>	TYPED BY <b>pra</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

In 1936 the name HAROLD OBER, 40 East 49th Street, New York, maintained by Organizer of American Friends of the Chinese People.

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REFERENCE: Washington Field Office Air-tel to the Bureau dated 8/6/56.

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2 CC C.S.C.  
1 CC W.H.  
1 CC A.C.C.  
1 CC to A.E.C.  
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RICHARD OBER,  
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Intelligence Officer  
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Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

August 10, 1956  
Los Angeles, California

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

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In December, 1936, WAYNE MASTERSON provided a list of names and addresses found among the possessions of Mrs. NORA HELGREN, in Los Angeles, California. MASTERSON described Mrs. HELGREN as one of the organizers of the local chapter of the American Friends of the Chinese People.

Included among the names and addresses furnished by MASTERSON was HAROLD OBER, 40 East 49th Street, New York.

The American Friends of the Chinese People was cited as a "Communist front" by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, report, March 29, 1944, pages 40 and 147.

On a personal history statement dated June 5, 1948, employee listed his father as HAROLD OBER, with a business address of 40 East 49th Street, New York, New York.

WAYNE MASTERSON, who resides at 2031 West Van Wick Street, Los Angeles, California, was recontacted on August 10, 1956. He stated he worked in 1936 as an "undercover agent" for the Office of Naval Intelligence. He said that in December, 1936, he was residing at the home of NORA HELGREN and had found the list of names and addresses in a notebook belonging to HELGREN.

Mr. MASTERSON also said his observations and associations with Mrs. HELGREN, combined with his own experiences among Communists and Communist groups, made him positive HELGREN was a recruiter for International Communism.

Mr. MASTERSON said he does not know the significance of the list he provided; did not know HAROLD OBER, and does not know employee.

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Title: RICHARD OBER  
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Intelligence Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Report of: Special Agent John C. F. Morris

Date and Place: August 10, 1956, at Los Angeles,  
California.

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Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

September 5, 1956

Director, FBI

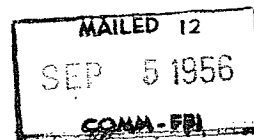
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Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated August 24, 1956, furnishing a copy of each of the reports covering an investigation conducted concerning the captioned individual. These reports were furnished for information and consideration as to whether the data developed indicated a violation of any Federal law.

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Enclosed herewith is a copy of this Bureau's letter of this date to the U. S. Civil Service Commission together with a copy of its enclosure containing further information regarding the captioned matter. This is being furnished to supplement the data previously forwarded to the Department in this case.

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**Date:** September 5, 1956

**To:** Mr. Kimbell Johnson  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

**From:** John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

**Subject:** RICHARD OBER  
aka "Dick"  
Intelligence Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
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Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum of August 24, 1956, enclosing results of investigation in the captioned matter.

For your additional information and consideration there are enclosed two copies of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 29, 1956, at New York, New York.

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A limited amount of investigation remains to be conducted in this matter and results thereof will be forwarded to you upon completion. As you were previously advised another Government agency has been requested to cause any necessary overseas investigation to be conducted and results thereof will be furnished to you upon receipt.

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cc: AAG William F. Tompkins (Under separate cover - encl.)

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>RICHARD OBER, aka: Dick Intelligence Officer Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 5px 0;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>b6 per FBI b7C</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES</b>	

SYNOPSIS:

One business acquaintance of employee's father advised literary field crowded with CP members, former CP members, and sympathizers, but he has no question of employee's father's character, or loyalty. He stated associate of employee's father "left-wing" and homosexual. Other acquaintance advised OBER family of high character and loyal Americans. No question of employee's father's friends.

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REFERENCES: Report of SA  7/31/56, New York.  
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RICHARD OBER  
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Washington, D.C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

August 29 , 1956  
New York, New York

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

New York T-9, one of the top literary agents in New York, furnished the following information on August 22, 1956:

He has known HAROLD OBER, the employee's father, about 30 years. He is acquainted with HAROLD OBER mainly through business, but is a limited social acquaintance. HAROLD OBER is one of the most respected literary agents in New York and has been in the field over 30 years, either working for someone or in business under his own name. HAROLD OBER has, in the last few years, taken in an associate by the name of IVAN VON AUW.

VON AUW, according to the informant, is "left-wing and a homosexual." By "left-wing" he stated over the years he has formed his opinion of VON AUW as a left-wing because of VON AUW's talk and actions. He could not specifically state any reason, just VON AUW's general attitude and conversation and the fact that VON AUW was Secretary of the Dramatists Guild of the Authors League of America, Incorporated, which organization the informant described as Communist infiltrated.

As for VON AUW's homosexuality, he is not effeminate nor are his actions objectional. The informant claims it is known throughout the industry that VON AUW is a homosexual, but he does not know any of his friends.

The informant is slightly acquainted with DOROTHY OLDING, HAROLD OBER's other associate, and he described her as a very nice girl, conservative and he has heard nothing concerning her which would lead him to question her character or loyalty.

The informant stated the literary field is "quite crowded" with people who are either members or former members of the Communist Party or who are sympathetic to the Communist Party. In order to do business literary agents must do business with such people, but, as in the case of the informant, that does not mean there exists a close personal friendship between the agent and such client.

The informant believes HAROLD OBER no doubt has been in contact with such people but the informant does not know any personal friends of HAROLD OBER whose loyalty is questionable. He said most of the clients of a literary agent are strictly business contacts and are not personal friends.

The informant stated he is acquainted with the OBER family but not too well. He advised he has met HAROLD OBER's wife and their two sons, and he has no reason to question the character, morals, reputation or loyalty of any member of the OBER family.

Information concerning the Authors League of America is set out in a previous report of this office in this matter.

Mr. S. SPENCER SCOTT, retired President of Harcourt, Brace and Company, 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, advised on August 28, 1956, that he

has known the OBER family over 20 years. He said he is acquainted with HAROLD OBER both socially and through business. He described HAROLD OBER as the top literary agent in New York, and a man of the highest type character whose loyalty to the United States is without question.

He stated HAROLD OBER has had many distinguished authors as his clients and he never heard that any of HAROLD OBER's clients were people who were under suspicion of being Communists or sympathetic to its causes.

Mr. SCOTT stated he has met HAROLD OBER's associate, IVAN VON AUW, but does not feel he knows him well enough to comment on his character or loyalty.

Mr. SCOTT concluded by saying that the entire OBER family, the employee, his brother [redacted] and their parents, are people of excellent character and are true loyal Americans and that the United States Government is very fortunate that it has hired a man of the character, reputation and loyalty of RICHARD OBER.

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SAC, Washington Field (140-4074) (BCS)

RICHARD OBER, aka, CIA, SGE.

Re: SA [redacted], dated 9/12/56, at Washington, D. C., which contains lead relating to check of OSI files. Remaining investigation in this matter must be expedited and completed at earliest possible date. Advise status. b6 per FBI b7C

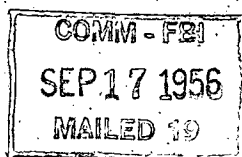
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SAC, Washington Field (140-4074) (RCS)

Richard Ober, CIA, SOB. Dated 8/10/56.

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: September 26, 1956  
To: Mr. Kimbell Johnson  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.  
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subject: RICHARD OBER  
aka "Dick"  
Intelligence Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum of September 18, 1956, and previous correspondence enclosing results of investigation concerning the above-named employee. For your additional information and consideration there are enclosed two copies of a report of S/A [redacted] Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force dated November 17, 1953, entitled [redacted]

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It is noted that page two of this report contains information relating to Harold Ober Associates, 40 East 49th Street, New York 17, New York.

The files of this Bureau disclose that [redacted]

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: September 26, 1956

To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 F Street, Northwest  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Colonel Sheffield Edwards  
Director of Security

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: RICHARD OBER  
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Intelligence Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.  
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum of July 16, 1956, requesting that the Central Intelligence Agency cease to be conducted such foreign investigation in the captioned matter as may be deemed necessary.

Your advice is requested as to whether your Agency has initiated overseas investigation in this matter. If so, it will be appreciated if results thereof will be furnished to this Bureau at your earliest convenience in order that our mutual responsibilities may be promptly discharged.

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SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Letter to SAC, Washington Field

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The above cases must receive very close attention in your office. Every possible effort must be made to complete these cases in the immediate future. You must make certain there is no avoidable delay occurring in any of these cases and in every case circumstances beyond the control of your office are preventing the completion of the investigation.

SAC, Washington Field

September 7, 1956

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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